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DIVINE PUNISH-MENT?
WAIT...
...COULD YOU BE...?
HARUGO MISORA ...
THE WORLD DOES NOT NEED YOU!
IMHOTEP.

KAKLANG
SHEATHE YOUR BLADE, HARUGO MISORA!!
WHAT REASON IS THERE FOR YOU AND I TO FIGHT?
GRIND
IM!!
OH, THERE'S PLENTY.
I WILL NEVER ACCEPT YOU!!

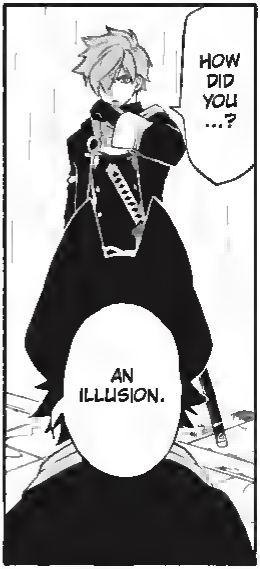
GET AWAY FROM IM!!
UOHH!!
PYOING
SHNING
WHAM
!!
YIPE!
MUST WE FIGHT?
FIGHT?
ANUBIS!!

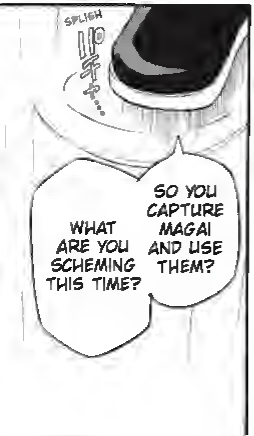
SLASH
THIS FIGHT IS ALREADY OVER.
CLINK
THUD

!!
PAYBACK FOR PUNCHING MY APPRENTICE.
...WHAT!?

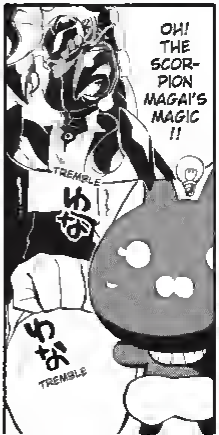
IM! YOU'RE ALIVE!!

WHEN YOU FIRST ATTACKED, I DIVERTED MAGIC POWER...
...INTO THE RAINWATER AND CAST AN ILLUSION ON YOU.
ALTHOUGH, IT SEEMS IN MY HASTE, I CAST IT ON HINOME AND ANUBIS AS WELL.


HOW DID YOU ...?
AN ILLUSION.


SPLISH
WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING THIS TIME?
SO YOU CAPTURE MAGAI AND USE THEM?

I- INDEED.
PUNCH
YOU SCARED ME!!!


OH! THE SCORPION MAGAI'S MAGIC !!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

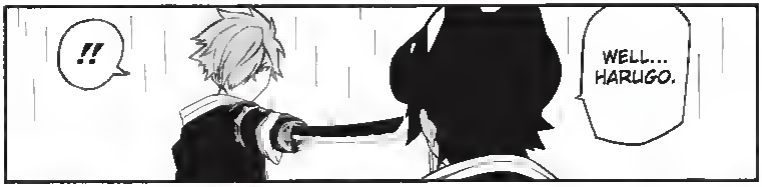
SCHEMING?
I AM NOT SCHEMING ANYTHING.
...THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR UNLEASHING THE MAGAI ON OUR WORLD.
I'M NOT ABOUT TO BELIEVE YOU...

HUH ...!?
ANSWER THIS.
WHY DID THE GODS ROUSE YOU?
THE PRIESTHOOD SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO PUT THE MAGAI TO BED.
YET THE GODS DEEMED US INADEQUATE, AND FOR THEIR SAVIOR...
...THEY CHOSE THE GREAT HERETIC, OF ALL PEOPLE!
YOU— THE CAUSE OF ALL OF THIS!!
HOW COULD I EVER ACCEPT THAT?

WE DON'T NEED YOUR POWER ...
... IMHOTEP!
CRAWL BACK TO THE COFFIN WHERE YOU BELONG.
NO ONE WILL EVER WAKE YOU AGAIN.
IF YOU REFUSE ...
...THEN I'LL CUT YOU DOWN RIGHT HERE!

GREAT EVILDOER.
SEALED AWAY FOR THREE THOUSAND YEARS...
THE ORIGINAL GODS, WHO CREATED THE WORLD...
...IMHOTEP INCURRED THEIR WRATH.
YOU HAVE TO... OR I'LL BELIEVE HIM...!!
IM SAVED ME!!
YOU'RE LYING!!
HE WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME FOR RYUU IF YOU HADN'T COME ALONG!
HE SAVED KOBUSHI TOO.
NOT JUST ME.
PLEASE, SAY HE'S WRONG.
IM WOULD NEVER HURT ANYONE!!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!?

THREE THOU-SAND YEARS AGO.....
...I BROUGHT THE MAGAI INTO THIS WORLD.
SAY SOME-THING !!!
IT IS TRUE.


!!
WELL... HARUGO.

MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN STOLEN OVER THE LAST THREE THOUSAND YEARS BECAUSE OF ME...I KNOW THIS.
BUT...
INDEED, I AM A GREAT HERETIC.

THE SEEDS OF CALAMITY THAT I SOWED...I MUST PULL THEM OUT *MYSELF—ALL OF THEM!*
HARUGO, I CANNOT COMPLY WITH YOUR DEMAND.
...THAT IS PRECISELY WHY THIS IS SOMETHING I MUST DO!

...IS THAT SO...?

THEN WHY DON'T WE MAKE IT CLEAR...
...WHICH OF US IS FIT TO BE A SAVIOR?
SKUFF

I AM A GREAT HERETIC...
...NOT A SAVIOR.
SKUFF

!!
TAANG
SHUT IT!

I WILL LET YOU DEAL WITH YOURSELF.
I AM NOT SUITED TO CLOSE COMBAT.
...IS INSCRIBED WITH SOME SORT OF ENCHANT-MENT.
HARUGO'S BLADE...
...AN-OTHER ILLU-SION?
AFTER HE SHEATHED HIS SWORD... SOMETHING I COULD NOT SEE SLICED THE MAGAI IN TWO.
I DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE SCRIPT...
WHAT WAS IT...?
SLICE

WHILE HIS EYES ARE FOOLED I WILL TAKE THE OTHER TWO AND...
WHATEVER IT WAS, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING HIM.
SLASH
LOOKS LIKE I GOT THE REAL YOU THIS TIME.
WAAAH!! IM—!?
!?

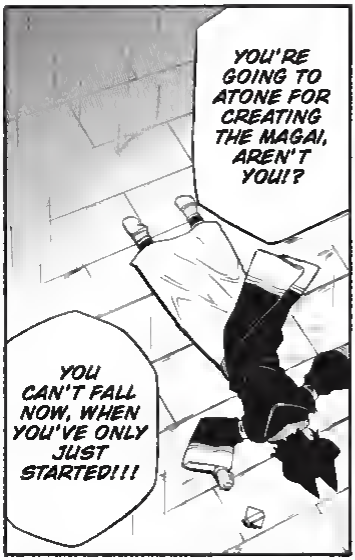
A KA... A SPIRIT!?
"HEAVENLY BAT."
EVEN IF I CAN'T SEE, THIS LITTLE GUY WILL SEARCH OUT AND CUT UP ENEMY MAGAI.
WORD ON THE WIND IS...
...YOU CAN SUMMON A CREATOR GOD.
チャキ
CHAK

COME FORTH.
DROP THE ACT AND FIGHT ME FOR REAL!!
WHOOSH
ROAAAAR
MAGAI SEKHMET!
WHOOM

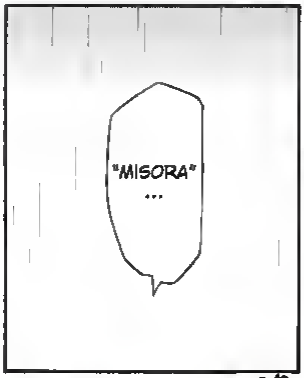
THAT WON'T WORK ON ME TWICE.
DON'T TAKE ME FOR A FOOL, IMHOTEP.
SLASH
TMP

I'VE EXOR-CISED ...
...WAY MORE MAGAI THAN YOU!!
CLACK
...
BOOM

IM?
...IM?
WHY ARE YOU LYING THERE ...?
THAT'S GAME.

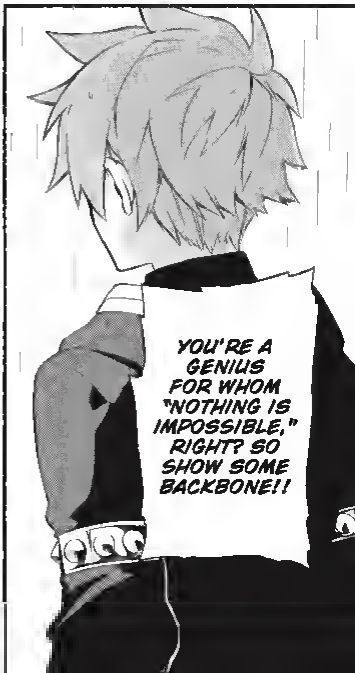

YOU'RE GOING TO ATONE FOR CREATING THE MAGAI, AREN'T YOU!?
YOU CAN'T FALL NOW, WHEN YOU'VE ONLY JUST STARTED!!!

STAND UP, IDIOT IM!!!


"MISORA" ...

UGH
...?

SHUT UP, WOMAN.


YOU'RE A GENIUS FOR WHOM "NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE," RIGHT? SO SHOW SOME BACKBONE!!

!!
BEFORE YOU ATTACKED ...
RISE
...IS THE SAME NAME AS THIS SHRINE, YES?
FLIP
...YOU LAID DOWN FLOWERS.
THOSE FLOWERS ARE AN OFFERING FOR THE DEAD, ARE THEY NOT?
IT HAS BOTHERED ME SINCE WE FIRST VISITED.
THIS THICK SCENT OF DEATH.
THE FEELING OF SPILLED BLOOD.

"THE PRIEST FAMILY MURDER-SUICIDE."
WHAT IN THE GODS' NAMES HAPPENED HERE?
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL THE TRAGEDY THAT TOOK PLACE AT MISORA SHRINE FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.
IT ALL START-ED...
...LONG, LONG AGO...
...WHEN A MAN-EATING YOUMA TERRORIZED THIS AREA.

ONE MAN CAUGHT WIND OF THE TORTURED VOICES OF THE PEOPLE.
THE FIRST CHIEF PRIEST, SEITEN MISORA.
SEITEN SEALED THE EVIL YOUMA AWAY IN A SINGLE SWORD.
A SHRINE WAS BUILT TO KEEP IT SUBDUED, SO THE YOUMA WOULD NEVER RAMPAGE AGAIN.
IT WAS NAMED AFTER SEITEN. THIS WAS THE ORIGIN OF MISORA SHRINE.

...A LIVING SACRIFICE WAS REGULARLY OFFERED TO APPEASE IT.
IN THE SHRINE'S EARLY DAYS...
...THE PEOPLE GREATLY FEARED THE YOUMA'S RETURN. BY THEIR WISH...
SO THE CHIEF PRIESTS DECIDED TO ABOLISH THE SACRIFICES ...
...AND WORSHIP THE YOUMA AS A DEITY INSTEAD.
THEY MUST HAVE WANTED TO KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE FROM ANY BLOWBACK.
BUT TIMES CHANGED.
AS WE ENTERED MODERN TIMES, THE SACRIFICES WERE INCREASINGLY SEEN AS AN EVIL TRADITION.
IT WAS A MAGAI.
THE BEING SEALED IN THE SWORD WAS NOT YOUMA OR GOD.
BUT IT WAS A MISTAKE.

SO FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...
...AND BEGAN ITS RAMPAGE ANEW.
...WITH THE SACRIFICES STOPPED, THE MAGAI HAD GROWN UNBEARABLY HUNGRY...
IT POSSESSED THE CHIEF PRIEST, HARUAKI MISORA...
...MADE HIM SLAUGHTER HIS OWN FAMILY, THEN TOOK HIS LIFE TOO.
!
THEY CALLED IT THE "PRIEST FAMILY MURDER-SUICIDE."
THE NEWS REPORTS SAID THAT THE CHIEF PRIEST WENT MAD AND MURDERED HIS FAMILY
I'VE HEARD OF THAT.
BUT IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, THEY SAID...
...THERE WAS ONE SURVIVOR...

MY FAMILY WAS KILLED BY A MAGAI !!!
KHOOSH
AFTER THE CHIEF PRIEST, MY FATHER, KILLED THE REST OF OUR FAMILY...
...HE TOOK BACK CONTROL FROM THE MAGAI BEFORE HE COULD KILL ME...
WITH WHAT LITTLE SANITY HE HAD LEFT, HE FOUGHT IT...
...AND ENDED THE TRAGEDY... BY CUTTING OFF HIS OWN HEAD IN FRONT OF ME...!!

I WAS TAKEN IN BY THE AMEN PRIESTHOOD, AND LEARNED ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF MAGAI.
I DECIDED I'D LIVE AS ONE OF THEIR PRIESTS.
I GOT STRONG. AND I VOWED THAT I WOULD WIPE OUT THE MAGAI MYSELF— ALL OF THEM!
BUT THEN YOU SHOWED UP!!
AND YOU SAY YOU WANT TO ATONE!? AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!?
I WILL NOT ACCEPT YOU...!!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR CREATING THE MAGAI...
...OR ALLOW YOU TO EXORCISE THEM!!!

NO MATTER WHAT YOU WANT TO DO NOW...
...IT WON'T CLEAR THE DARK CLOUDS IN MY HEART!!
WHY ARE WE WAKING UP THAT MONSTER!?
WE CAN'T DEFY THE WILL OF THE GODS. WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
THE GREAT HERETIC, A SAVIOR!? AS IF WE COULD BELIEVE THAT!!
THAT LITTLE BOY IS IMHOTEP!?
DO NOT TRUST HIM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
HE'S TRYING TO SWAY OUR HEARTS.
HE MIGHT BE USING MAGIC TO DISGUISE HIS TRUE FORM.
STAY ON YOUR GUARD.

HE IS A POX ON THIS WORLD.
HEY, DON'T SAY TOO MUCH.
WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'LL DO TO YOU LATER IF HE HEARS YOU.
LET HIM HEAR
HE WON'T UNDERSTAND OUR MODERN TONGUE
YOU'LL BE FIGHTING WITH US AS OUR COMRADE FROM NOW ON.
BUT THERE ARE PRIESTS AMONG OUR RANKS WHOSE LOVED ONES WERE TAKEN BY THE MAGAI.
THEIR HATRED FOR MAGAI, AND FOR YOU, THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS, IS AS DEEP AS THE BOTTOMLESS PITS OF HELL.
...STILL EXISTS?
THE AMEN PRIESTHOOD...
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO...
...WHEN YOU RUN INTO VICTIMS OF THE MAGAI?

I AM SORRY.

...CAN NEVER BE FULLY ATONED FOR.
WHAT I DID...
AS IF I COULD EVER SAY, "OKAY, I FORGIVE YOU," AFTER THE SUFFERING YOU PUT ME THROUGH!
IF YOU'RE SO SORRY, WHY DID YOU CREATE THE DAMN MAGAI IN THE FIRST PLACE!?
SWING
DON'T INSULT ME.
I AM...AN IRREDEEMABLE HERETIC...
WHEN I COULD NOT SAVE HIM, I CREATED A CALAMITY... THE MAGAI ...
...AND LET MY FRIEND DIE.
THERE WAS A FRIEND I WISHED TO SAVE.

THAT IS WHY I CANNOT GO BACK
EVEN IF I HAVE SINS UPON MY BACK FOR WHICH I CAN NEVER FULLY ATONE, STILL I WISH TO LIVE IN ATONE-MENT.
THAT IS HOW I MUST USE THIS SECOND CHANCE THAT WAS BESTOWED UPON ME.
THIS LIFE...
...HOW COULD I LET IT CRUMBLE AWAY UNUSED?
I CAN RETURN NOTHING TO THOSE WHO DIED BECAUSE OF MY ACTIONS...
...YET...
...I STILL HAVE LIFE...!!

...HARUGO MISORA?
WILL YOU NOT WITHDRAW YOUR SWORD...
...I WILL TAKE ANY NUMBER OF BLADE STRIKES UPON MY BODY.
WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER...
I BEG OF YOU...
...FIGHT ALONG-SIDE ME.

DASH
I REFUSE.
PLEASE!
HINOME ...?
I'M HERE TOO!!
BOOM!

NO WAY!!
ARE YOU HIS WOMAN?
WHY ARE YOU SHIELDING HIM?
WHEN YOUR FRIEND GETS HURT...
I KNOW IT DOES NOT EVEN COMPARE TO YOUR GRIEF...
...BUT IM SAVED ME FROM A LIFE OF LONELI-NESS!!
ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT IS IM'S CRIME.
YOU KNOW ZILCH ABOUT HIM AS A PERSON, RIGHT!?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, DO YOU!?
HE SAVED ME. IF SOME-ONE'S TRYING TO HURT HIM...
...YOU CAN BET YOUR BUTT I'LL TRY TO PROTECT HIM!!

CAN YOU SAY THAT YOU'VE NEVER HURT ANYONE YOURSELF!?
YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO SOMEONE TOO, YOU KNOW!!

NONE OF US RESENT IM!

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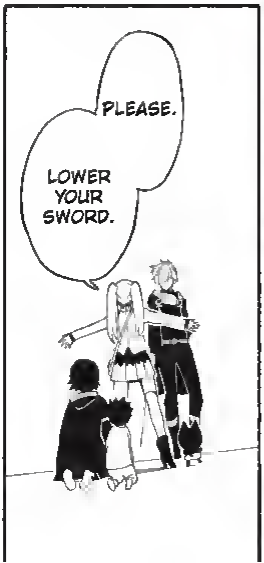

PLEASE.
LOWER YOUR SWORD.

PLEASE DON'T HURT...
...OUR FRIEND!
EEK!
FWISH
WOMA

SLASH
OH!
AR
FWOOM

THE MAGAI HE CUT IN HALF!?
IT WAS STILL ALIVE!?
SHHH
GHH...
GH...
GH...

CLINK

GET LOST BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND.

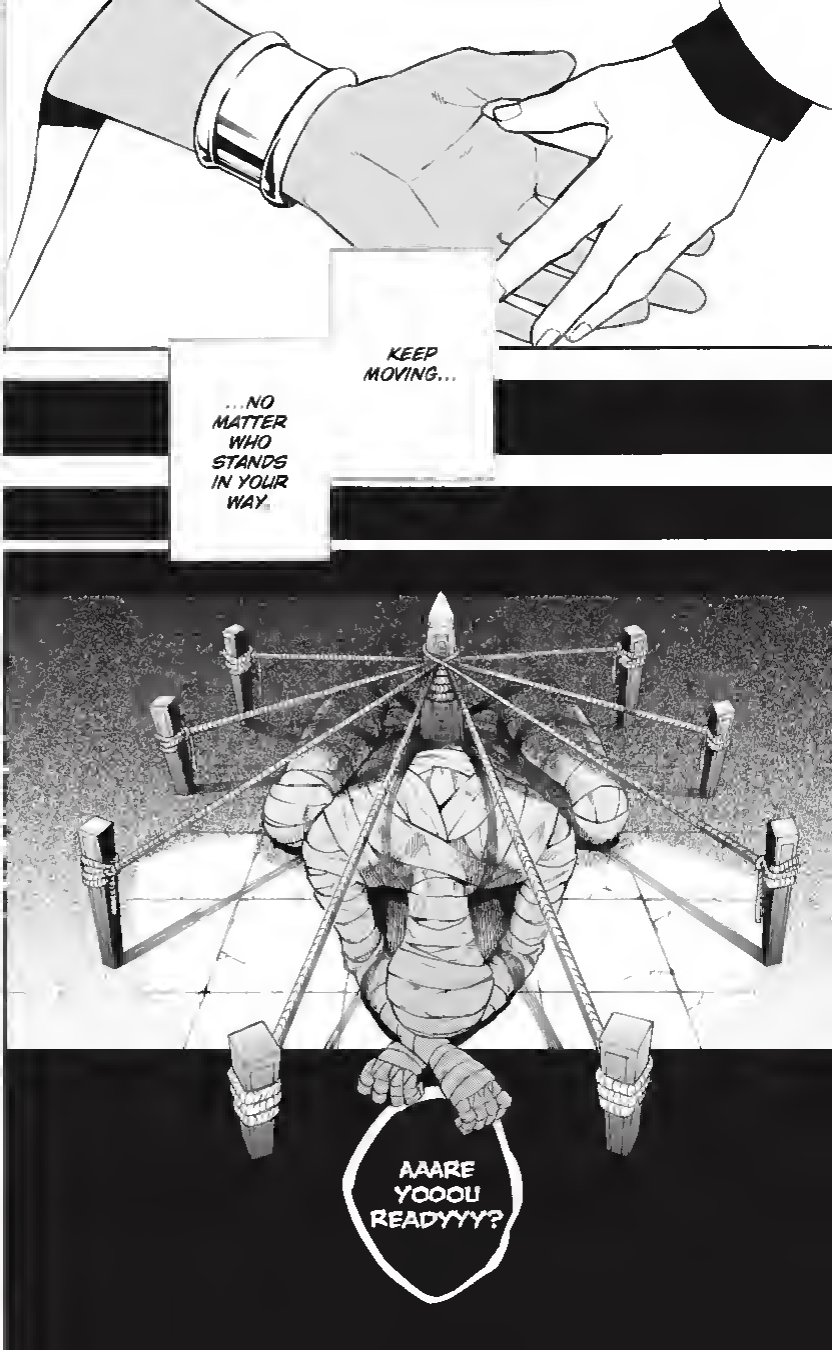
YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
WAIT.

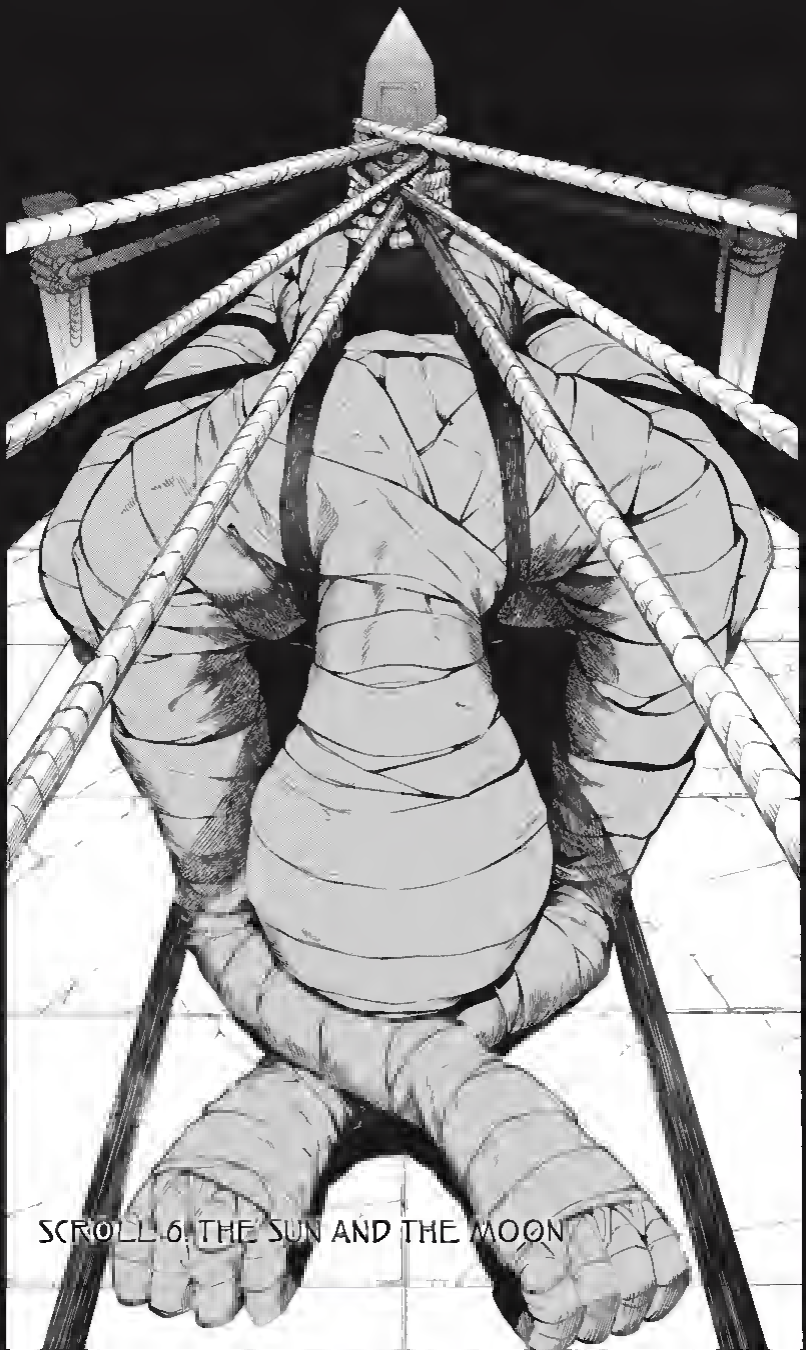
SORRY, KID.
MUTTER
RUFFLE
MEEP !?
MINK
THIS DOESN'T MEAN I'VE ACCEPTED YOU.
GLARE
...I'M GOING TO ABIDE BY THE GODS' WILL FOR A LITTLE WHILE— THAT'S ALL.
AS A PRIEST...

I KNOW.
I WILL NOT FORGET IT.
ONE DAY I WILL KILL YOU.

I AM SORRY THAT I KEPT IT FROM YOU.
YOU CALLED ME...
...YOUR FRIEND...
?
...HINOME.
OH, IT'S FINE. I'M OVER IT.
RIGHT?
RIGHT!

TRULY...
LET'S GO HOME ...
...IM.
THANK YOU.
TO PROTECT THE FUTURES OF THESE FRIENDS TOO...
...I MUST ATONE FOR MY SINS.


KEEP MOVING...
...NO MATTER WHO STANDS IN YOUR WAY.
AAARE YOOOU READYYY?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UM, HINOME-CHAN? CLASS IS OVER.
AH!
SINCE WHEN!?
IT'S NOT ABOUT ME...
NO...
IS SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
YOU'VE SEEMED DOWN LATELY.
BZZZZE
KLANG
BONG
BING

FLIIIIP!!!
SLAAAP
IM-KUN? ISN'T THAT HIM OVER THERE?
ACTUALLY, IM'S BEEN...

WHOA!!
WELL, LITTLE ONES! WHO WILL BE NEXT!?
MWA-HA-HA-HA-HA! WEAK! SO WEAK...!
SHFF
SHFF
SHFF
SHFF
SHFF
SHFF
UWAAAAH!
WAAAHN!
WAAAH!
BOO-HOO!
STOMP
STOMP
HOW DARE YOU THROW COLD WATER ON A MATCH BETWEEN MEN...
DON'T TERRORIZE LITTLE KIDS!!
NOT TO MENTION, WHY WOULD YOU EVER NEED THAT MANY!?
THERE'S NO POINT IN YOU HOARDING THEM...
CLINK
!!
GASP
"THE WINNER TAKES THE LOSER'S CARDS" IS IN THE OFFICIAL RULES.
WHAT IS WRONG WITH FIGHTING FAIR AND SQUARE?
TSK, TSK!
THIS IS THE "FAIRY FLIP CARDS" GAME THAT IS POPULAR WITH CHILDREN THESE DAYS.
WINNER
AGAINST KIDS? IT'S JUST PLAIN CHILDISH!!
UWAAAH!

H-HUH!?
NO!
NEXT TIME I CATCH YOU PICKING ON KIDS, I'LL HAVE KOBUSHI DO THE BAG THROW ING....
MRN!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
ANYWAY, GIVE THEM BACK!
WHOOSH

KOBUSHI THROWS BALLS WITH THE FORCE OF BULLETS. ※SEE CHAPTER 3

TA-DAAAH
OMIGOD! WE HAVE A VISITOR!? AT HEX HOUSE!?
BAM
!!!?
WHY, HULLO THERE! SORRY FOR THE IMPOSITIOOON. ♪

LOVELY HOME YOU HAVE HERE, IMHOTEP!
WHAT A FUN HOUSE THIS IS, FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH USELESS JUNK.
KHONSU-SAMA, YOU'RE BEING RUDE.
ARE YOU IN A BEAUTIFUL MOOOOD? I'M ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL, OF COOOURSE ♡
SPIRIT WORLD
PLEASED TO MEET YOU. AMEN PRIESTHOOD EGYPT CHAPTER HIGH PRIEST KHONSU, AT YOUR SERVIIICE ♪
?
WHO?
IT'S KHON-SU-SAMA !!
I DO NOT KNOW HIM.
AH-HA-HA-HA! PLEASE DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH THIS TACKY OCCULT NONSENSE. YOU REALLY CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THIS, CAN YOU?
THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
A SNACK TO GO WITH YOUR TEA.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GET TO MEET MEMBERS OF A SECRET SOCIETY THAT PROTECTS THE WORLD! THIS IS SUCH AN HONOR!
TOSS
THANK YOU!!

Y-YOU FORGOT ME...!!?
YES.
YOU FORGOT MY BEAUTIFUL FACE!!?
YES.

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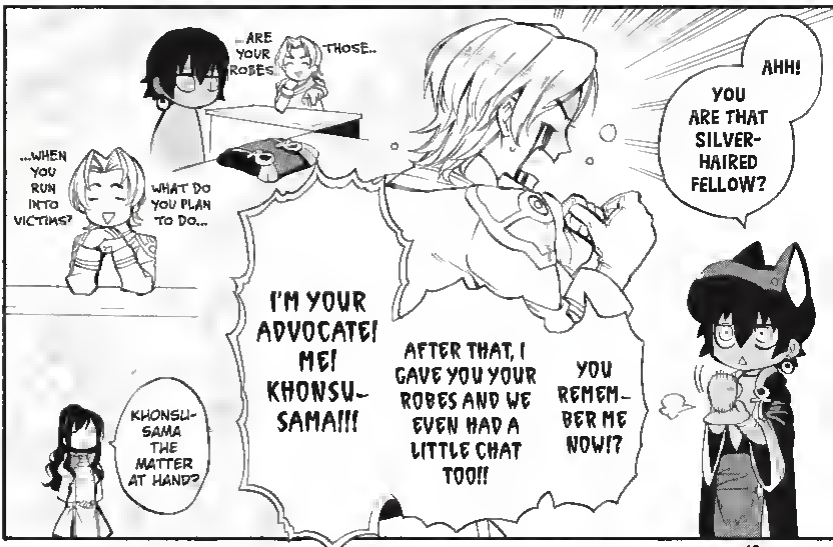
YOUR FACE, KHONSU-SAMA.
THEN I'LL MAKE YOU REMEMBER ......

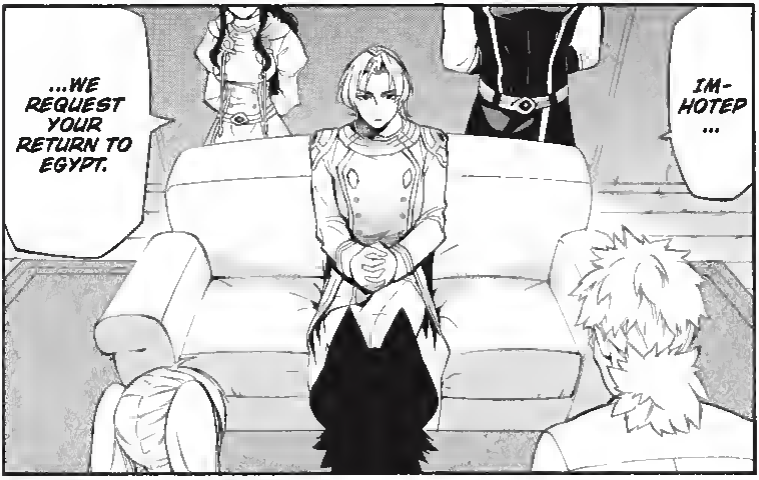
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND, KHONSU!?
OH, NO.
THE ENNEAD WOKE HIM TO PURGE THE MAGAI, DIDN'T THEY?
THEN WE CAN'T HAVE HIM CHAINED UP FOREVER. WE SHOULD PUT HIM TO WORK, NO?
B-BUT ...!!

BACK WHEN IM HAD JUST AWAKENED...
FREE IMHOTEP!?

LEAVE IT ALL TO ME. I'M NOT EXPECTING ANYTHING FROM YOU LOT. ♪
CLANK
カリチ
OF COURSE, I'LL ASSIGN A WATCHDOG TO HIM.
OH?
DO YOU MEAN TO DEFY THE ENNEAD'S ORDERS?
NOW, THEN.
LET'S GO, SHALL WE? ♪


...ARE YOUR ROBES THOSE..
...WHEN YOU RUN INTO VICTIMS?
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO...
AHH! YOU ARE THAT SILVER-HAIRED FELLOW?
I'M YOUR ADVOCATE! ME! KHONSU-SAMA!!!
AFTER THAT, I GAVE YOU YOUR ROBES AND WE EVEN HAD A LITTLE CHAT TOO!!
YOU REMEMBER ME NOW!?
KHONSU-SAMA THE MATTER AT HAND?

TO BUSI-NESS ...
AHEM.
AH! HOW COULD I FOR-GET!?


...WE REQUEST YOUR RETURN TO EGYPT.
IM-HOTEP ...

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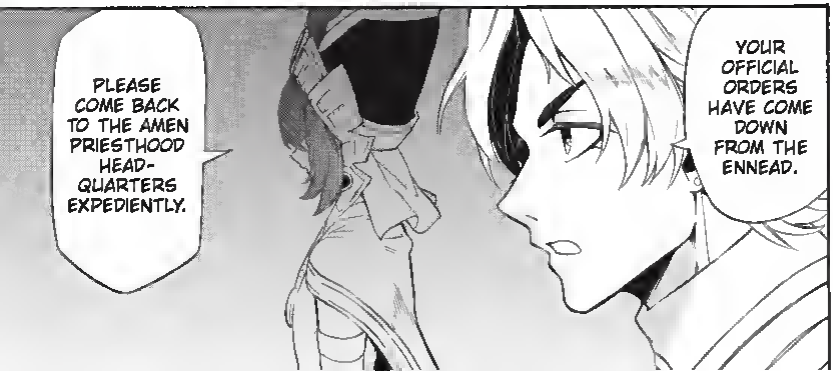
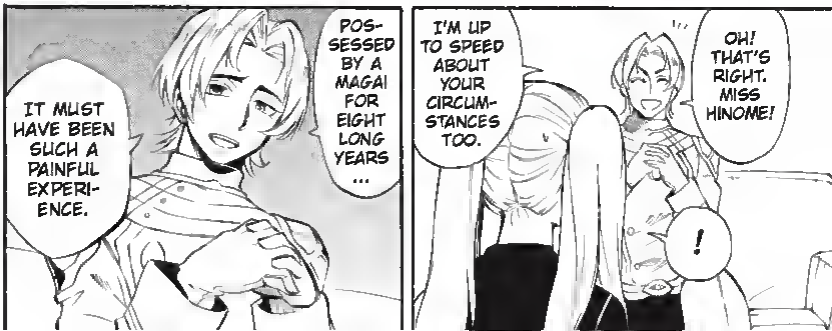

PLEASE COME BACK TO THE AMEN PRIESTHOOD HEAD-QUARTERS EXPEDIENTLY.
YOUR OFFICIAL ORDERS HAVE COME DOWN FROM THE ENNEAD.

I AM EXORCISING MAGAI, AS I WAS INSTRUCTED.
WH-WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

OR... DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU WERE AWOKEN MERELY TO EXORCISE MAGAI?
YES ♪ I'M WELL AWARE.
I'VE BEEN RECEIVING REPORTS OF YOUR RECENT EXPLOITS...
...FROM OUR LITTLE FRIEND THERE. ♪
I DO A GOOD JOB WHEN I SET MY MIND TO IT!


IT MUST HAVE BEEN SUCH A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE.
POSSESSED BY A MAGAI FOR EIGHT LONG YEARS ...
I'M UP TO SPEED ABOUT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES TOO.
OH! THAT'S RIGHT. MISS HINOME!
!

WHAT ABOUT IT?
DO YOU KNOW WHO BROUGHT THE MAGAI THAT TORMENTED YOU INTO THE W—
YES, I KNOW!
SHE KNOWS, AND STILL STICKS WITH HIM?
FATHER AND DAUGHTER ARE BOTH ECCENTRICS.
THE ENNEAD WOKE IM-HOTEP ...
...TO GIVE HIM A TASK ONLY HE CAN DO.
SO IT'S AS HARUGO-KUN SAID.
AHH. NEVER MIND.
I WON'T TELL, THOUGH!
'REPORTING HIMSELF FOR DEFYING ORDERS AND ATTACKING IMHOTEP'...HE'S A DIFFERENT SORT TOO—SO SERIOUS.

THEY WANT YOU TO CUT THIS OFF AT THE ROOT.
LAT. PHOTO.
A TASK ONLY I CAN DO?
BUT NOT A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE.
YOU MAY LOOK TOO, MISS HINOME.
...IF YOU COULD TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
FIRST...
Film-04.
HIS NAME IS...
...DJOSER.

HUH?
IS THAT A MUMMY!? A REAL MUMMY!?
IT'S A NAME YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH, YES?
HE'S NOW IN THE AMEN PRIEST-HOOD'S CAREFUL CUSTODY, SEALED AWAY.
TO BE MORE PRECISE, HE HAS BEEN FOR THREE THOUSAND YEARS...
...SINCE AROUND THE SAME TIME AS YOU WERE SEALED AWAY YOUR-SELF...

TODAY'S THE DAY YOU'RE GONNA COME OUTSIDE AND PLAY!!
HEY, HEY, HEY!! DON'T STAY HOLED UP IN THIS DARK ROOM EVERY SINGLE DAY!!
...
IMHOTEP !!
...WE ARE NOT FRIENDS... NOT EVEN CLOSE.
HEY! ARE YOU IGNORING ME!? THAT'S COLD, MAN!!
...PRINCE DJOSER.
INDEED, YOUR HIGHNESS AND I ARE NOT MEANT TO BECOME FRIENDS...

LOOK, I'M SORRY MY OLD MAN WENT AND SAID SOME AWFUL STUFF...
...YOU MEAN THE FEUD BETWEEN THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE PRIESTHOOD?
BABYSIT...!!?
ALSO...
I DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO BABYSIT.
IT IS NOT ABOUT THAT, UNLIKE YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO.
LET'S GO PLAAAAY!!
...BUT YOU DON'T HAFTA WORRY ABOUT HIM
SKRICH
SKRICH
REACH
...I AM MORE AT EASE ALONE.

GOT YER MAAA-AASK!!
SNATCH
ZOOOM
STOP!!
AW, YEAH! I'M GONNA SPLASH IN THE RIVER WITH IT ON!
...WHY, YOU...!
AAIIEE!
WHAM
CLATTER
CLATTER
UWAA-AAAH!

WAIT! STOPPING THE BLEEDING COMES FIRST!!
A CHILD'S BEEN RUN OVER BY A WAGON!!
CLAMOR
HURRY! TAKE HIM TO THE PRIESTS...!!
CLAMOR
PRINCE DJOSER!?
YOUR CLOTH-ING...
FORGET ABOUT IT!!
ARRIP
DAMN...IT'S BLEEDING LIKE CRAZY...!!
SOAK
MISTER !!
I'LL RUN AND CALL A PRIEST! IN THE MEAN-TIME, YOU...
HEY!! YOU THERE !!
!!!

YOU'RE THE PHARAOH'S HEALER, AREN'T YOU!?
PLEASE! SAVE THIS BOY!!
WHO IS IT THAT TRULY SAVES THE PEOPLE WHEN THEY ARE HURT OR FALLEN ILL?
...BUT I HEAR YOUR FATHER HAS CALLED US "TRAITORS PLOTTING TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY," HASN'T HE?
YOU ARE ALWAYS SO QUICK TO LEAN ON US...
WELL, WELL...IF IT ISN'T PRINCE DJOSER...
YET THE PHARAOH CALLED US TRAITORS!!
OH, PLEASE! HURRY! SAVE MY BABY!
THE AMEN PRIESTHOOD HAS ALWAYS DONE EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER FOR THE PHARAOH AND THE PEOPLE.
WHAT IS HE DOING!?
A GOVERNMENT TO GUIDE THE PEOPLE CAN ONLY EXIST BECAUSE WE PRIESTS LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF THE GODS.
HURRY UP AND HEAL HIM!
THE BOY COULD DIE!!

QUIT GRIPING AND SAVE THIS KID!!
THE PHARAOH, THE PRIEST-HOOD— THAT'S GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH THIS!!!
...BY FEELING THE WEIGHT OF YOUR OWN POWERLESS-NESS.
KNOW YOUR CRIME OF INSULTING US...
IT IS THE AMEN PRIESTHOOD THAT TRULY PROTECTS AND GUIDES THE PEOPLE!!
LORD IMHOTEP!!!
!!
!
SWFF

HEALING LIGATURE OF THE GODDESS. "ASETOS."
SHIIINE
MY WORDS ARE AN ANKH TALISMAN.
HEED THE WORDS THAT SPILL FROM MY MOUTH AND STOP THIS BLOOD.
H-HOORAY —!!!
CHEER
HE'S HEALED!!
DID YOU SEE THAT !?
WOW !!
IT'S THE WORK OF THE GODS !!!
...
GRAB
PWH
PLEASE, TELL ME YOUR NAME!
OHH, YOU ARE A GOD...!

TCH!
...IS ONE OF THE AMEN PRIESTHOOD'S HIGHEST-RANKED PRIESTS, IMHOTEP!!!
THIS GUY HERE...
THAT LORD IMHOTEP...?
HE'S... IMHOTEP?
HUH...?
THEY SAY HE DOESN'T EVEN GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO BEG FOR MERCY!
I HEAR HE SENDS ALL WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES TO HELL, NO EXCEPTIONS.
YOU SEE? THEY'RE TERRIFIED...
HELL'S GATE-KEEPER.
A RUTHLESS PRIEST.
TERRIFYING.
HEART-LESS.
I...
THIS IS WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO GO OUTSIDE.

YOU ARE A GOD !!!
WAAA...
THE MAN FOR WHOM NOTHING IS IMPOSSI-BLE!!
YOU SAVED MY SON'S LIFE!!
...AAAH!
HE'S NOT LIKE THAT OTHER PRIEST!!
LONG LIVE LORD IMHOTEP !!!
HEY! IMHOTEP?
AH!
WHOOSH...
LORD IMHOTEP!

THANK YOU!
THANK YOUUUU!!
YOU TOO PRINCE DJOSER!
PRINCE!!
HMM?
WHAT WAS?
...THAT WAS... THE FIRST TIME...
HERE.
IT'S ALL YOURS.

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME...
...ANYONE HAS THANKED ME...!
LET ME THANK YOU TOO.
YOU SAVED THAT KID.
YOU LISTENED TO ME.
SEE?
COMIN' FACE-TO-FACE WITH OTHER PEOPLE AIN'T SO SCARY, IS IT?

...COULD BE REAL FRIENDS, WITHOUT THIS ROYAL FAMILY AND PRIEST STUFF GETTIN' IN THE WAY.
I THINK YOU AND ME...
YOU DON'T GOT ANY OTHER FRIENDS ANYWAY, DO YA? HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE. ♪
SO, LEMME ASK YOU AGAIN! BE FRIENDS WITH ME!
I STEPPED IN FOR THE CHILD'S SAKE, NOT BECAUSE YOU ASKED IT.
DO NOT MISUN-DER-STAND.
I'LL BE YOUR "FRIEND NUMBER ONE"!!

GREAT!
WE'RE GONNA BE GREAT BUDS, IM!!
BUT...
..WELL ...
...I... ACCEPT.
SWISH
IT'S A NICKNAME!!
IM!?
DJOSER ...
...HE WAS...

!!!
...MY FRIEND.
SO THE ENNEAD SPOKE THE TRUTH...
THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO, YOU BROKE TABOO FOR THIS FRIEND...
...AND LED TO THE BIRTH OF THE MAGAI.

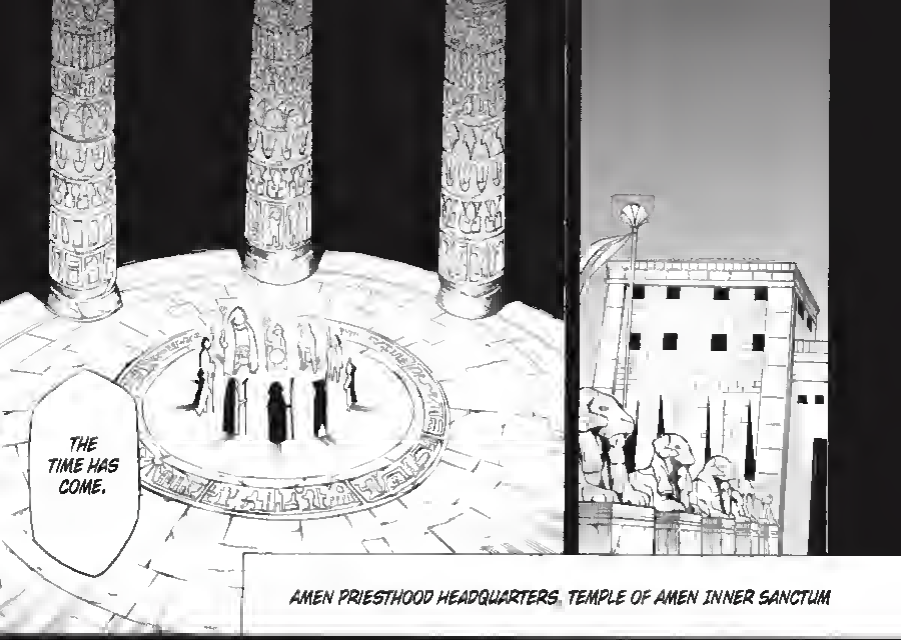
I'M...
...GONNA BE PHARAOH!
WILL YOU GIVE US MORE DETAILS?
WHAT EXACTLY TRANSPIRED THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO?

THE POWER IN THIS KINGDOM IS SPLIT BETWEEN THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE PRIESTHOOD RIGHT NOW.
IF BOTH FACTIONS KEEP SQUABBLING, THE ONES WHO WILL SUFFER ARE THE PEOPLE, RIGHT?
THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE PRIESTS SHOULD JOIN HANDS AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE.
THAT'S THE KIND OF LAND...
...I WANNA MAKE.
MY OLD MAN IS NEVER GONNA BUDGE, 'COS HE THINKS THE PHARAOH'S POWER IS ABSOLUTE.
BUT HIM, ME, EVERYBODY IN THIS LAND—WE ALL NEED THE PRIESTHOOD.
I KNOW WE CAN BE THE BRIDGE TO THAT FUTURE!
I'M COUNTING ON ALL YOU GUYS!!

"YOUR HIGHNESS"? COME ON, YOU GUYS!! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CHEER "YEAH!" BRIDGES, REMEMBER!?
IT'S SO RARE FOR YOU TO BE SO SERIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING.
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!!
LET'S PLAY!!
LET'S DRINK!!
IN TOWN
MY EVERYDAY BEHAVIOR DOESN'T HELP...
YEAH, YOU'VE GOT ME THERE...I NEVER EXACTLY STUDIED SERIOUSLY...
ERK...
...AS MY VIZIER.
I WANT YOU STANDING BY MY SIDE...
ANYWAY! IM!!

"PHARAOH DJOSER"...
...AND...
...VIZIER IMHOTEP."
HOW'S IT SOUND?
I LIKE IT.
A'IGHT. WELL SAID!! GIMME YOUR ARM IM!
THE SUN AND THE MOON.
PROOF THAT WE'RE BEST FRIENDS— BOUND TOGETHER AS ONE.
SHING

PRESS
...IMHOTEP.
WE'RE GONNA DO THIS!
AAALL RIGHT! I'M ALL FIRED UP!!
...BUT DO NOT FORGET YOUR TRUE ROLE.
PLAY FRIENDS IF YOU MUST...
WE MUST SPEAK.



AMEN PRIESTHOOD HEADQUARTERS, TEMPLE OF AMEN INNER SANCTUM

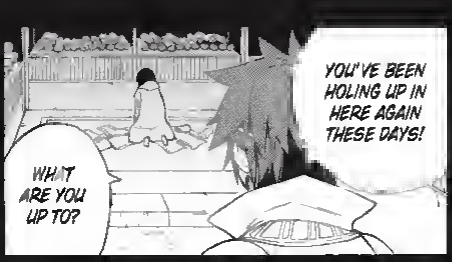
WE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THE ENNEAD AND ENTRUSTED WITH THIS DUTY.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR TASK, WE WILL OFFER UP THE SUNSOUL IN SACRIFICE TO CLEANSE THE MIASMA
THE COLLECTING MIASMA IN HELL IS ABOUT TO OVERFLOW.
IT MUST BE CLEANSED IMMEDIATELY

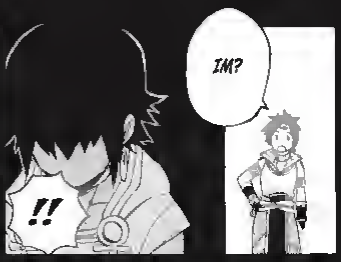
IMHOTEP.
OFFER PRINCE DJOSER AS THE SACRIFICE.
HE WAS BORN FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE.
HE WILL NEVER BECOME PHARAOH.
THIS YOU KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING, DID YOU NOT?
YES...

...THAT WE SHOULD NEVER BECOME FRIENDS AND YET...
I KNEW ...
FROM THE START...
WE BECAME BEST FRIENDS...
...WE DID.
I UNDER-STAND.
OUR TRUE DUTY IS...
...I KNEW EVERYTHING.

...TO KILL...
...DJO-SER.
DJOSER WAS BORN WITH A SPECIAL SOUL CALLED THE "SUNSOUL."
"WHEN THE MIASMA OVERFLOWS, THE WORLD WILL END... USE THE SUNSOUL AND CLEANSE IT."
THE MIASMA IS WHAT ULTIMATELY REMAINS OF SOULS THAT FALL TO HELL.
THE MIASMA AMASSES OVER HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF YEARS. IT WAS OUR DUTY TO CLEANSE IT WITH THE SUN-SOUL...
...BEFORE IT COULD SPILL OVER FROM HELL INTO THIS WORLD.

DJOSER WAS BORN TO BE THAT SACRIFICE.
...BY TEARING OUT HIS STILL-BEATING HEART.
...WE TOSS THE SUNSOUL INTO HELL AS A SACRIFICE...
THAT IS TO SAY...
HE'D LIVED HIS LIFE IGNORANT OF HIS DESTINY, KEPT IN THE DARK BY US ALL.
THAT WAS THE DESTINY OF THE SUNSOUL...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
IS THERE ANY WAY...
...TO PROTECT THE KINGDOM FROM THE MIASM WITHOUT KILLING DJOSER!?
...ISN'T THERE ANYTHING...?


YOU'VE BEEN HOLING UP IN HERE AGAIN THESE DAYS!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?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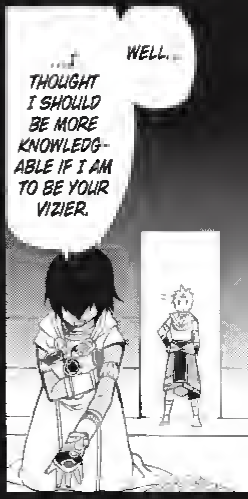
IM?

...YES. FOR YOU.

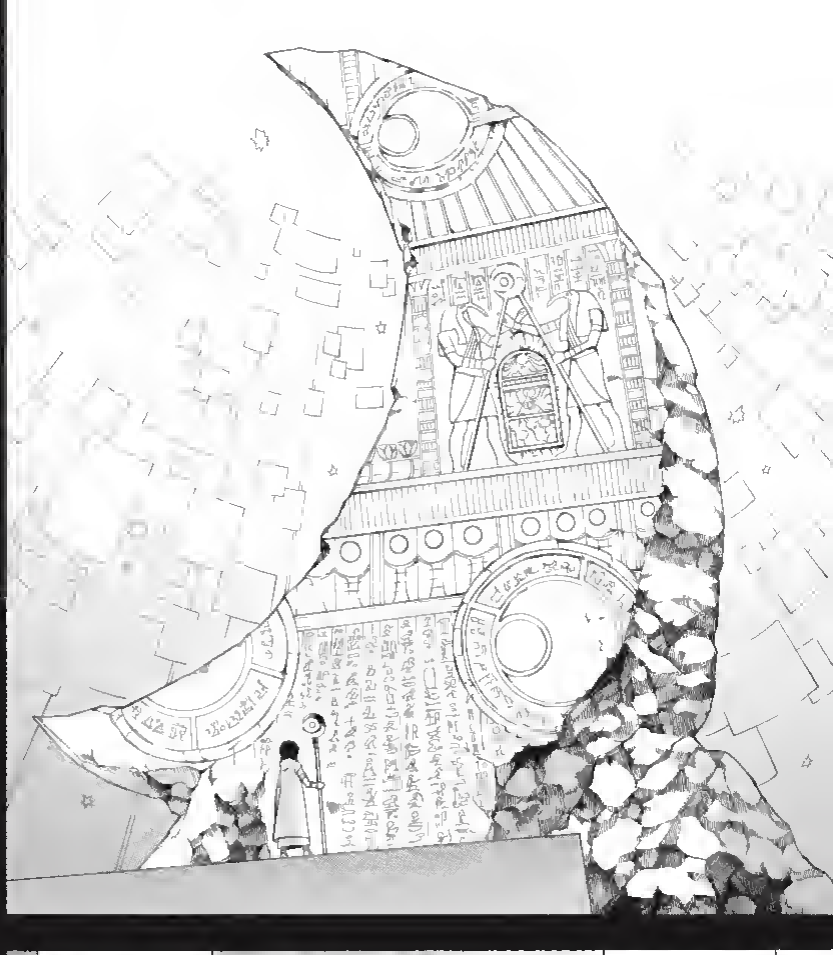
HA-HA! OH YEAH?
WORKIN' HARD FOR ME? THANKS!


WELL...
...I THOUGHT I SHOULD BE MORE KNOWLEDGE-ABLE IF I AM TO BE YOUR VIZIER.

BUT I CANNOT IGNORE THE THREAT OF THE MIASMA.
IF ONLY THERE WAS NO MIASMA...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

?
I WILL MAKE YOU KING.

CRINKLE
IF I COULD ONLY GET RID OF THE MIASMA...!
THE INNERMOST SANCTUM OF THE TEMPLE TO THE MOON GOD...
..."THE CHAMBER OF MEMORIES." ONLY THOSE CHOSEN BY THOTH MAY SET FOOT INSIDE.

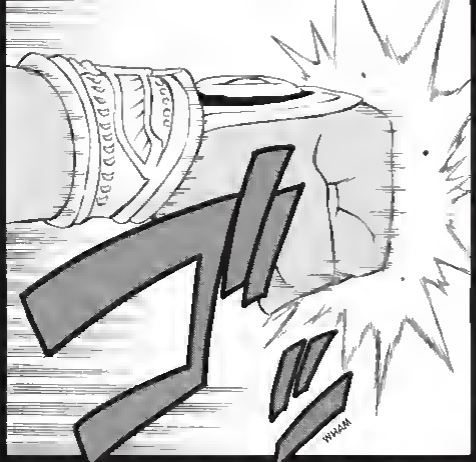


INSIDE WAS THE GIANT MAGIC TABLET SAID TO HAVE BEEN DROPPED TO THE EARTH BY THOTH.

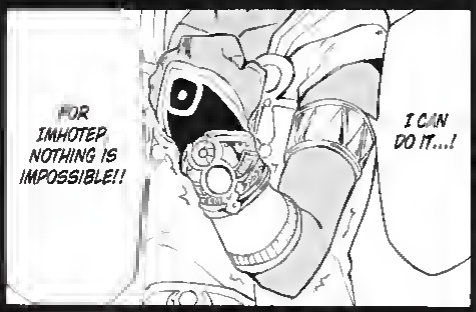
AS THOTH'S PRIEST, I HAD ANOTHER DUTY, ENTRUSTED ONLY TO ME—

GUARD THE FORBIDDEN MAGIC INSCRIBED UPON THE TABLET.

...“DAMNATIO MEMORIAE.”
THE GREAT RECORD ERASING MAGIC...
THIS POWER...
...COULD KILL EVEN GODS.
THE POWER TO ERASE ANY RECORDS IN THIS WORLD. TO UNDO SOMETHING'S VERY EXISTENCE.
BUT IF I FAIL...
DJOSER WILL NOT HAVE TO DIE.
THEN THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR SACRIFICE!
IF I USE THIS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO ERASE THE MIASMA.
EVEN IF I SUCCEED, I CANNOT SAY THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A PRICE TO PAY.
IF I CANNOT DECIPHER THE SPELL CORRECTLY...
A POWER MIGHTY ENOUGH TO KILL EVEN GODS.


WHAM

I WILL TAKE THIS POWER...
...AND DESTROY THE SO-CALLED "DESTINY" THE GODS ORDAINED!!
I WILL DO IT...!!


FOR IMHOTEP, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!!
I CAN DO IT...!

I SWEAR I WILL SAVE YOU...
...DJOSER!!!
WE WILL WALK TOWARD THE FUTURE YOU STRIVE FOR...
...TOGETHER.
...I COULD DO IT.
AT THAT TIME, I BELIEVED IT. I HAD NO DOUBTS...
THAT OVER CONFI-DENCE...
...WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD OVERCOME MY FEAR AND GUILT.

AND THEN, ON THAT FATEFUL DAY THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
IT ALL ENDED... AND IT BEGAN.

A-ARE YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY, YOUR HIGHNESS!!?
I COULDN T STAND BY AND LET YOU CARRY ALL THIS BY YOURSELF, MA'AM!
GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR A COMMONER ...
...THANK YOU SO MUCH PRINCE DJOSER
HEYA! PRINCE!
HE'LL BE THE GREATEST PHARAOH IN HISTORY, THAT BOY!
ALWAYS SO BRIGHT AND FULL OF ENERGY... HE S JUST LIKE THE SUN.
LOOK! IT's THE PRINCE!
HAVE WE EVER HAD A ROYAL LIKE HIM BEFORE?
GRRR...
WHISPER WHISPER
NOT THE BRIGHTEST IN THE BRAINS DEPARTMENT THOUGH...
YES. THE PRINCE SEEMS LIKE HE'D BE BAD AT POLITICS...
—! C'MON, I'LL BE FINE!!!
'COS I'VE GOT A FRIEND I TRUST WHO HAS MY BACK.

Great Priest Imhotep

PHARAOH.
THAT IS ACCEPTABLE. YES...?
—ALL RIGHT.
WE WILL HOLD THE RITUAL TOMORROW, ON THE NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON.
IMHOTEP.
YOU HAVE NO OBJECTIONS?
...IF ITS DEATH IS FOR THE GOOD OF MY KINGDOM... IT WOULD WANT THE SAME THING.
I'VE KNOWN THIS WAS COMING SINCE ITS VERY [illegible].....
I NEED ONLY ERASE THE MIASMA BEFORE THE TIME OF THE RITUAL.
NO.
YOOO! WORKIN' HARD?

DJOSER?
WHERE YOU HEADED? YOU FINISHED WORK, RIGHT?
THIS IS AN UNCOMMON SIGHT. YOU CAME ALL THE WAY INTO THE TEMPLE?
I WANTED TO INVITE YOU FOR A DRINK!
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ALL THE TIME LATELY.
UNFORTU-NATELY, I MUST TURN YOU DOWN.
THERE IS STILL MUCH I MUST LEARN IF I AM TO BE YOUR VIZIER.
ALSO, I DO NOT LIKE ALCOHOL.

...HM...
...ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME?
IF I TOLD YOU THAT THE WORLD WOULD END TOMORROW...
...WOULD YOU STILL WANT TO LIVE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, EVEN IF IT MEANT MAKING ENEMIES OF THE GODS?
...TELL ME SOMETHING.
?

THEN WORRY NOT.
I WILL MAKE A DAY AFTER TOMORROW FOR YOU.
UHHH...?
I MEAN... I AIN'T KEEN ON DYIN'.
I MUST GO.
HUH!?
WAIT! IM!!
I AM SORRY, DJOSER.
BUT I SWEAR I WILL SAVE YOU!!

MY PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.
I'VE DECIPHERED IT.
ACCORDING TO THE INSCRIPTION, THE MAGICAL POWER AND CATALYSTS NECESSARY TO ACTIVATE DAMNATIO MEMORIAE ARE ONLY...
"THE LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON," AND...
...THE "STAFF OF THOTH."
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO WAIT FOR THE FULL MOON...

TAK
WHAT IS HE DOING IN THOTH'S TEMPLE!?
!!?
DJOSER !!?
HEEEY!! IIIM?
WHOOM
!!?
I NEVER IMAGINED YOU'D DABBLE IN FORBIDDEN MAGIC
IMHOTEP
GH...

FWOOSH
WHAT WAS IT YOU SAID? YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A DAY AFTER TOMORROW FOR ME?
SNEER
SWISH
!!
SHAPESHIFTING MAGIC!? THE DJOSER IN THE TEMPLE WAS A FAKE...!?
YOU TRICKED ME, THE GREAT IMHOTEP...!?
STRAIN
YOU SNEAKY ...!
EVEN THE GREAT IMHOTEP CAN'T OVERPOWER ALL NINE OF US.
SHOOOOOM
!!!

SNATCH
I'M GOING TO LURE PRINCE DJOSER WITH THIS.
YOU...WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING!?
!!
IMHOTEP.
YOU ARE HEREBY STRIPPED OF YOUR RANK AS A HIGH PRIEST!!
KLANG

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS!?
WE HAVE TAKEN HIS STAFF, BUT HE IS STILL A DANGEROUS MAN WHO PLOTTED TO USE FORBIDDEN MAGIC TO DESECRATE THE GODS.
WAIT!!
KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HIM.
WHY DID THE ENNEAD GIVE THIS DESTINY TO A HUMAN!?
WHAT IS THE SUNSOUL?
WHAT IS THE CLEANSING?
WHY MUST HE BEAR SUCH A CRUEL DESTINY!?
DOES DJOSER TRULY DESERVE TO DIE?
CAN YOU REALLY BETRAY DJOSER!?
CAN YOU REALLY DO AS YOU'RE TOLD AND KILL YOUR FRIEND WITHOUT EXPLANATION?
WE ONLY DO AS WE ARE TOLD. WE KNOW NOTHING OF THE WORKINGS OF THIS WORLD—OF THE GODS' MOTIVES!
"GREAT PRIESTS CHOSEN BY THE ENNEAD"... HA!

AREN'T YOU THE ONE BETRAYING HIM?
LEAN
THE ROYAL LINE AND THE PHARAOH ARE REPLACEABLE DECORATIONS AND NOTHING MORE
THE PEOPLE MIGHT MOURN THE LOSS OF PRINCE DJOSER..
...BUT AS LONG AS THEY HAVE US, THIS KINGDOM'S TRANQUILITY WILL CONTINUE ETERNALLY.
IT IS NOT JUST THIS KINGDOM. WE PROTECT THE ENTIRE WORLD.
WE WILL TOSS ANY WHO THREATEN THAT INTO HELL, EVEN THE PHARAOH HIMSELF.
TAK
TAK
DJOSER ...!!

I MEAN, I ADMIT I WAS CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT ALL WAS INSIDE...
EVEN YOUR RUN-OF-THE-MILL PRIESTS AREN'T ALLOWED INTO THE TEMPLE'S INNERMOST SANCTUM, RIGHT?
GOD OF THE MOON... KEEPER OF TIME, O THOTH...
I BEG OF YOU, GIVE HIM TIME...!!
TAK
TAK
HEY!!
SAY SOMETHING ALREADY, IM!!
...BUT NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS DID I THINK I'D GET A PERSONAL INVITATION...
...AND SUCH WARM HOSPITALITY.
WE'VE ARRIVED.
WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS, YOU GUYS?

RUMBLE
"HELL'S GATE."
IT IS A DOOR FOR BANISHING EVIL FROM THIS WORLD.
SHUDDER
WHAT...IS THIS...?

...YOU WILL BE A LIVING SACRIFICE FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD.
THIS IS WHERE...
WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING YOU, UNDER HIS ORDERS, FOR THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS.
YOUR FATHER KNEW THIS, OF COURSE
YOUR DESTINY WAS SET IN STONE FROM YOUR VERY BIRTH.
SAY WHAT NOW !!?
A LIVING SACRIFICE? WHAT THE HELL!?
DESTINY ...?
MONITORING ME?
...WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
ANSWER ME!! IMHOTEP!!

MARCH
MARCH
REST ASSURED, YOUR HIGHNESS. YOU WILL BE A GREAT HERO WHO DIED TO SAVE THE WORLD.
BUT THE GODS' WILL MUST BE ENFORCED.
I PITY YOU, PRINCE
FAREWELL.
ON YOUR COFFIN, WE WILL CARVE THE NAME...
..."PHARAOH DJOSER."
WHY...?
AREN'T WE...
...BEST BUDS...!?

SMASH
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
IMHOTEP TOOK CONTROL OF OUR BRETHREN
HE'S ESCAPING !!!
DO YOU THINK I WOULD BE AFRAID TO ADD MORE CRIMES TO MY NAME AT THIS POINT?
I WILL DO ANYTHING TO SAVE MY FRIEND...!!
PANT
PANT
YOU MUST STOP THIS! THIS IS TABOO!!
TO STEAL THE WILL OF GODS...EVEN YOU WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN FOR THIS!
YOU GO DOWN A PATH FROM WHICH YOU CAN NEVER RETURN!

IT IS TOO LATE TO TAKE BACK THOTH'S STAFF.
THE FAKE ME WILL BE INSIDE IT.
EVEN IF I GO TO RETRIEVE MY STAFF...
...THEY HAVE LIKELY ALREADY ERECTED A BARRIER FOR THE RITUAL.
THE STAFF ITSELF IS NOTHING MORE THAN A CATALYST TO SMOOTHLY TRANSMUTE THE MAGIC POWER INTO THE SPELL.
THE LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON HOLDS VAST AMOUNTS OF MAGIC POWER.
I NEED TO FOCUS IT WITH THOTH'S STAFF...
...AND USE THE INCANTATION TO INITIATE A NEGOTIATION WITH THE GOD.
TAP

...I NEED ONLY BECOME THE STAFF MYSELF!!
THEN...
FLAP
SHIIINNE
...AND CONTROL IT MYSELF!!
THOU WHO SHINES ON THE EARTH FOR FIVE DAYS AS ITS SUN. OPEN THY SECRET BOOK.
O KEEPER OF TIME, DESCEND WITH THE LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON.
I'LL GATHER THE LIGHT'S MAGIC POWER INTO MY OWN BODY...

EGG OF BLACK-HEADED IBIS. SELF-BEGOTTEN, SELF-PRODUCED. THOU WHO HAST ENGRAVED THE RECORDS OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF STARS.
CONCEN-TRATE.
HEED THE WORDS THAT SPILL FROM MY MOUTH AND EXPUNGE THE RECORDS
IT IS NO DIFFERENT THAN WIELDING MY OWN INNATE MAGIC POWER.
REVEAL YOURSELF.
SACRED SPIRIT OF THE MOON GOD. DJEHUTI AKH!!
WHOOOO
TURN THE MAGIC POWER ...INTO MAGIC...!!

...A MOON-LIGHT CRYSTAL...
... THIS IS...
THOTH ...
!!
!!?
SHINE
WITH THIS...
ERASE THE MIASMA OF HELL!!
...DJOSER CAN BE SAVED!!!
"DAMNATIO...
WHAT DOST THOU SEEK TO EXPUNGE?
PRAY
!
!!
GRIP

...?
WHY...
SNAP
PROOF THAT WE'RE BEST FRIENDS— BOUND TOGETHER AS ONE!
THE SUN AND THE MOON.

I-I DIDN'T MAKE IT IN T-!
!!!
W-WAIT...
KYUEEEN
NO.
TH-THUMP
NO!
DON'T! IF YOU ERASE IT NOW...!
...!!! I CAN'T CONTROL IT!!
DJOSER WILL BE ERASED TOO!!
FWOOO
STOP...!
NOT WITH-OUT...
...MY STAFF!!
STOO-OOO-OOOP!

BOOM

GOOD
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING!?
BUT THE RITUAL SUCCEED-ED!
DIDN'T ...IT ...
RISE
SPLATTER

SLOSH
!

HOW...
...DID IT COME TO THIS?
SLOSH
WHY...?
SLOSH
IT WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS...!
FWOOOOOO
...GONE!...
HELL'S GATE IS...

...IT FAILED!! THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE I PANICKED AND TRIED TO STOP THE MAGIC'S ACTIVATION...!
DID I ERASE HELL'S GATE BY MISTAKE!!?
KH...
AAH!
THEN WHAT BECAME OF DJOSER...?
IM.
!!
YOU FINALLY CAME, HUH?
SLOSH
I WAS SCARED, IN PAIN AND TORMENTED.
MORE THAN MY BODY...MY HEART'S BEEN RIPPED INTO A MILLION PIECES.

WE.....
...WERE NEVER SUPPOSED TO BE FRIENDS, HUH...
SPLISH
SPLISH

HEE... HEE...
YOU FOOLED ME THE WHOLE TIME, DIDN'T YOU?
UGH!
BLEEEGH!!
ULP!
YOU KNEW, DIDN'T YOU? THAT I WAS A SACRIFICE?
HA... HA-HA-HA! WAS IT PITY?
I HAD AMBITIONS THAT WOULD NEVER COME TRUE...
I MADE YOU GO ALONG WITH MY DREAM...
"BEST FRIENDS, BOUND TOGETHER AS ONE"...?
SWISH

YOU BIG LIAAAR-RRRR!!!
YOU'RE THE SAME AS THEM!!
I'LL KILL YOU TOO!!
NO...!
I WANTED TO... YOU...!!

BOOM
!!?
...YEAH, I KNOW.
YOU'RE HEART-BROKEN. IT STINGS.
STAGGER
フラ
IT'S OKAY. LET ME HANDLE THE REST.
...WHEW
THAT HURT
NOW CALM DOWN, DJOSER.

DJOSER ...?
HOO BOY... NOW THAT'S A BIG HOLE.
!!?
HIS CHEST...!!
WHO ARE YOU!?
C'MON. YOU KNOW ME. I'M DJOSER.
THE POOR, PITIFUL MAN THE WORLD WANTED DEAD.
AND YOUR BEST BUD.

IF I DISAPPEAR, THERE WON'T BE ANYBODY TO PROTECT ME.
CAN'T DO THAT, I'M AFRAID.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO DJOSER!? LEAVE HIM!!
YOU ARE NOT!!
TO DESTROY THE WORLD THAT KILLED HIM!!
WITH HATE FOR THE WORLD. HATE FOR THE GODS. HATE FOR MANKIND...
DJOSER CREATED ME.
WHAT... WHAT ARE THOSE MONSTERS!?
TOGETHER WITH THESE GUYS HERE SEE?

THAT'S IT! I'LL CALL 'EM "MAGAI"!
THEY'RE PHONIES TAKING THE IDENTITIES OF THE TRUE GODS... IMITATIONS...
...WE CAN MAKE A NEW DREAM COME TRUE!!
BECAUSE YOU ERASED THE GATE...
THANKS, IM!
WE'LL REMAKE THE WORLD INTO A NEW ONE WHERE NO ONE WILL HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED!
THAT'S RIGHT.
A WORLD WHERE HUMAN LIVES WON'T BE STOLEN AT THE WHIM OF THE GODS.
A NEW DREAM?

FIRST THING ON THE LIST...
...WE'LL HAFTA KILL OFF AAAALL THE OLD OBSOLETE GODS AND MAKE A CLEAN SLATE. WON'T WEEE!?
SO, IM, WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?
WILL YOU DIE NOW?
OR WILL YOU WATCH THE END OF THE WORLD WITH YOUR OWN EYES?
OH!
BUT IF WE DO THAT, WON'T THE WORLD FALL INTO CHAOS, AND MANKIND DIE OFF?
EH, NO BIGGIE. WE'LL MAKE 'EM AGAIN ANYHOW.

I KNOW! LET'S MAKE OUR PROMISE AGAIN!!
THE PHARAOH AND HIS VIZIER!!
I'LL MAKE YOU ONE OF US! WE'RE BEST BUDS AND ALL!
YOU WERE MY ONLY TRUE FRIEND, RIGHT!?
I AM SORRY...THAT I COULD NOT SAVE YOU...
BUT...
...WE ARE BOUND TOGETHER AS ONE.
STAMP
MY LAST ACT WILL BE TO DRIVE OUT THE EVIL THAT HAS NESTED INSIDE YOU.
WE WILL PERISH TOGETHER...
...DJOSER!!

THAT'S TOO BAD...
...IM !!!
MEMORIES OF WHAT CAME NEXT ARE HAZY.
THE NEXT THING I KNEW...
...I WAS STRIKING DJOSER WITH THE FINISHING BLOW.

I WAS SEALED AWAY BY THE ENNEAD AS A GREAT HERETIC
THE REST IS AS YOU KNOW IT.
THE FUTURE I AWOKE TO...
...WAS A WORLD INFESTED WITH MAGAI.

BY DECREE OF THE GODS, YOU ARE TASKED WITH PURGING THE MAGI...
O...O IMHOTEP!!
MAGI...?
EEP!

...ARE ALL MINE...!!!
IT STILL ISN'T OVER.
THE MAGAI...
TAKE ME TO THEM.
WHERE ARE THE MAGAI!?

Great Priest Imhotep

Introduction

The following pages are the one-shot pilot chapter of *Im* that ran in the February 2013 issue of *Shounen Gangan*. There's actually a second version that had major changes to the setting and plot. The one-shot chapter included in this volume is the one that became *Im* as we know it.
Rereading this for the first time in a long time, my impressions are... "Huh? Im's actually cool?" "Come on, heroine, smile more!!!" Etc, etc. I really feel a gap between the Im and friends of old and the characters as we know them now. I also really got that "Oh yeah...this is where it all started" feeling.
With this chapter I was finally published at a time when I was anguishing over whether I should pursue my dreams of a manga artist career, so to me, it's a big treasure.

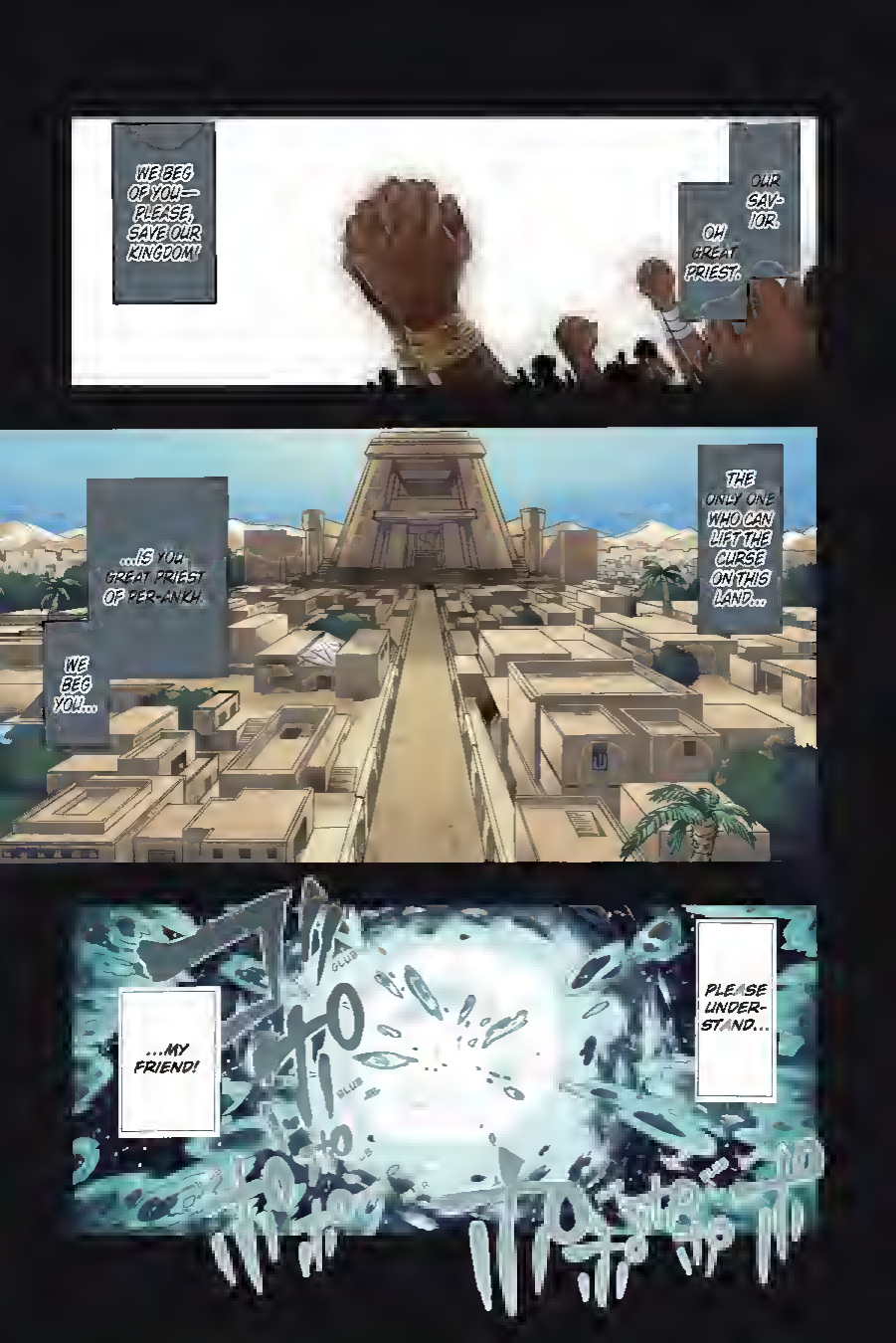
As a digression, my debut work was in the February 2011 issue.
This one-shot was in the February 2013 issue.
And the serialization started in the February 2015 issue.
...What's waiting in February 2017...!?
Actually, will this manga still be going then...!?

Let's not think about scary things like that.
Anyway, enjoy!!!

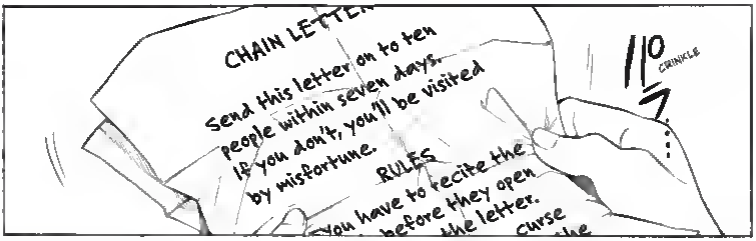
MAKOTO MORISHITA
OH MY GOD, NO! HE FORCED HIMSELF ON US, OKAY!?
HUH!? YOU'RE LIVING WITH IMHOTEP?! YOU'RE, LIKE,... REALLY BOLD, GIRL!!
STARE
WHOA.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

Ancient Egypt Exhi
WEEEEE
TEETEE
CLATTER
CLATTER
THIS IS A CRAZY GOOD HAUL...!!
VROOOM
STEP ON IT!!
I KNOW!!
CLUNK
STOP!
STOP YOUR VEHICLE!!!
WEEEE
WEEEE
!!!?
POP
SWERVE

THE GODS CHOSE YOU.


WE BEG OF YOU— PLEASE, SAVE OUR KINGDOM!
OUR SAV-IOR.
OH, GREAT PRIEST.
...IS YOU, GREAT PRIEST OF PER-ANKH.
WE BEG YOU...
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN LIFT THE CURSE ON THIS LAND...
...MY FRIEND!
PLEASE UNDER-STAND...

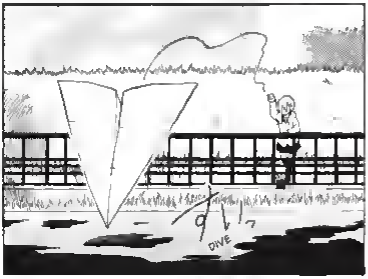
M.PILOT VERSION


CHAIN LETTER
Send this letter on to ten people within seven days. If you don't, you'll be visited by misfortune.
RULES
You have to recite the
before they open
the letter.
curse
CRINKLE

THERE'S ALWAYS A NEW RUMOR. AMUSING, RIGHT?
LOOK, IT'S HER!
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT HER HOUSE?
CUT IT OUT. YOU'LL GET US CURSED!

CRINKLE
CRINKLE

A CURSE? SPARE ME.
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS CURSES.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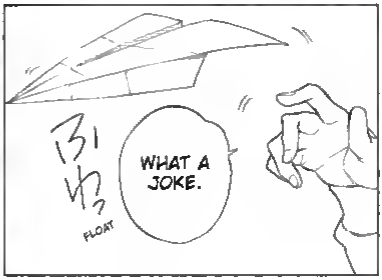

WHAT A JOKE.
FLOAT

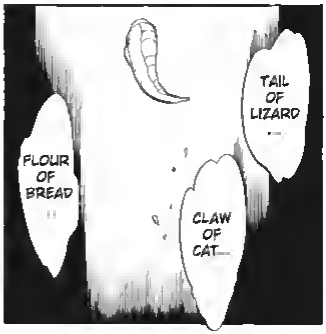
SURREST

HUH?

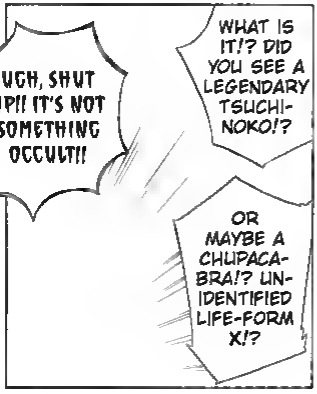
WHO...
GLARE
. HAS DISTURBED MY SLEEP?
WHAT THE?
PLOOSH
A RIVER ...
... PERSON !?
WHAT THE HECK IS UP WITH THIS GUY!!?
CROUCH
A CURSE...
REACH
NO!
NO...!
NO!!
GRAB

YEEEEEEEEEEK!
THUD
THROP
THROP
THROP
WHACK
NOOOOOOO!
GBFF
!?
ゴリゴリゴリ

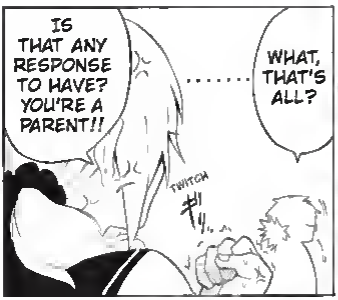
BURBL
BURBL
BURBL
ABRAAA-CADAB-RAAA...
AAAAB-RACA-DAAAAB-RAAAA!
OH GENIE ...
...AN-SWER MY CALL.


FLOUR OF BREAD
CLAW OF CAT...
TAIL OF LIZARD ...

WHAM
COME FORTH !!!


UGH, SHUT UP!! IT'S NOT SOMETHING OCCULT!!
WHAT IS IT!? DID YOU SEE A LEGENDARY TSUCHI-NOKO!?
OR MAYBE A CHUPACA-BRA!? UN-IDENTIFIED LIFE-FORM X!?

EXHAUSTED
げんなり...
WELCOME HOME, EMI.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST.
DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE DOING THAT WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET HOME?


IS THAT ANY RESPONSE TO HAVE? YOU'RE A PARENT!!
WHAT, THAT'S ALL?
.....
TWITCH

A FLASHER CAME OUT OF THE RIVER!!!
UGH, I TOUCHED HIM!
SHUDDER
IT WAS A FLASHER !!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

WHY DON'T YOU ACT MORE LIKE A KID AND GO OUT AND HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS?
!!
OH, EMI. YOU'RE STILL A KID. DREAM A LITTLE!
THMP

ALL THIS OCCULT STUFF IS JUST ESCAP-ISM!
IT'S BLAMING THE INCON-VENIENT FACTS OF REALITY ON DAY-DREAMS.
YOU ARE AN IDIOT TO BELIEVE IN THAT STUFF!!

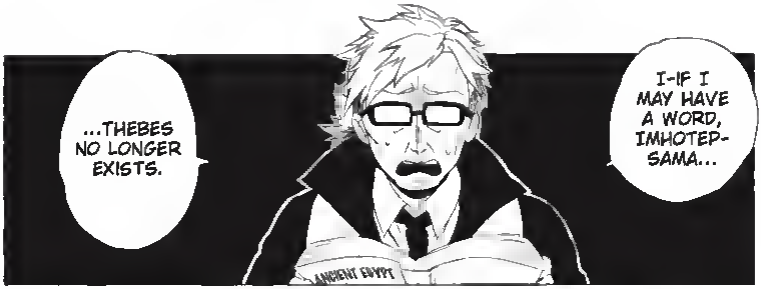
DO YOU KNOW WHAT EVERYONE SAYS ABOUT US!?
THEY ALL... !!!
SPLAT
SPLICK
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT I CAN'T MAKE FRIENDS!?
HUH ?
DID SOME-THING HAP-PEN?

WH-WHO IS HE!? WHAT IS HE!!?
CLATTER
CLATTER
AII-EEE!
IT'S HIM! THE FLASHER !!!
SLOSH
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY SLUMBER !!!
YOU GOT UP YOURSELF!!!
LOOM
YOU WILL PAY FOR DISTURBING MY SLUMBER...
A CURSE BE UPON YOU...!!!

NO WAY.
HUH?

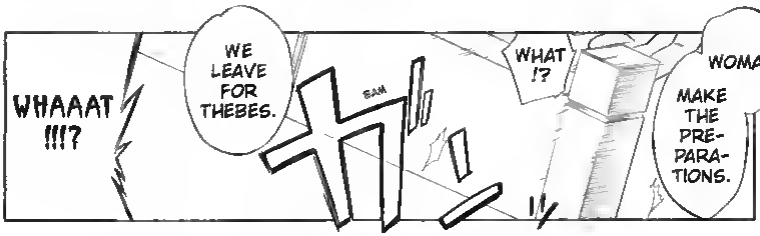
IMHOTEP, YOU SAY...!?
HE WAS THE MOST EVIL SORCERER IN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HISTORY !!!
WHILE SERVING AS A PRIEST IN THE GREAT PER-ANKH TEMPLE IN THEBES...
THERE IS ONLY ONE IMHOTEP.
...HE SUMMONED THE KING OF DEMONS AND KILLED MANY PEOPLE WITH A CURSE!
PEEK コソ
YOU DON'T KNOW ...!!?
WHAT'S THAT?
I MEAN, HE UNDERSTANDS MODERN JAPANESE !!!
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. ARE YOU KIDDING!?
?!
SHFF
WELL MET.
I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET YOU, IMHOTEP-SAMA

I COULDN'T CARE LESS WHETHER HE UNDERSTANDS OUR LANGUAGE !!!
EXCUSE ME!!?
ROAR
ALLOW ME TO ENLIGHTEN YOU, EMI.
THE PER-ANKH PRIESTS WERE ESPECIALLY SUPERIOR AT UNDOING CURSES AND...
WHAT'S YOUR DEAL!? ARE YOU STALKING ME!?
YOU FOLLOWED ME ALL THE WAY FROM THE RIVER, DIDN'T YOU!!?
.....
I SUPPOSE YOU WILL DO...
WHAT !!?
SFX: RANT RANT RANT RANT RANT
YOU...
...WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND SEAL ME.
JAB
WHAT !!?
I KNOW NOT HOW TO RETURN HOME.
SEE ME TO THEBES AS A SHOW OF GOODWILL.
ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU MAKING DEMANDS!? YOU'RE A HOME INTRUDER!! I'M READY TO GIVE YOU OVER TO THE POLICE HERE!!!
THE SEAL WAS UNDONE. I KNOW NOT WHY.
I MUST REMAIN SEALED AWAY.
YOU'D BEST MAKE HASTE. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND AND SUMMON THE DEMON KING?

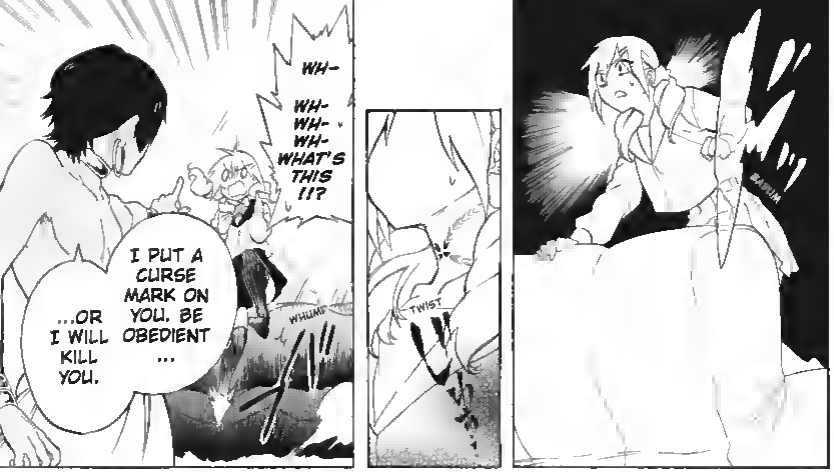

I-IF I MAY HAVE A WORD, IMHOTEP-SAMA...
ANCIENT EGYPT
...THEBES NO LONGER EXISTS.

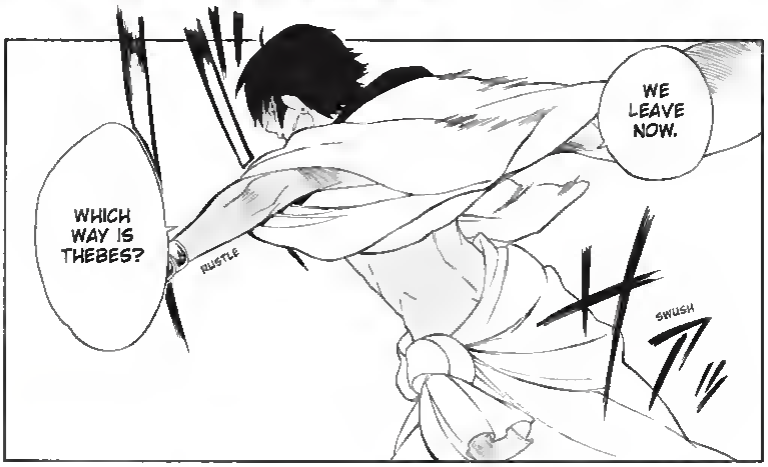
WHAT ...?

IT WAS REDUCED TO RUBBLE TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO.


WHAAAT !!!?
WE LEAVE FOR THEBES.
SAH
WHAT !?
WOMAN. MAKE THE PRE-PARA-TIONS.

WILL YOU SERIOUSLY GIVE IT A REST ALREADY!? OOH, NUT JOBS LIKE YOU MAKE ME SO...!
MY DAD IS NOT YOUR SLAVE!
SHFF
SIR!
LET US GO!! BRING ME CLOTH-ING!!
THE ROYAL DYNASTY WOULD NEVER PERISH !!

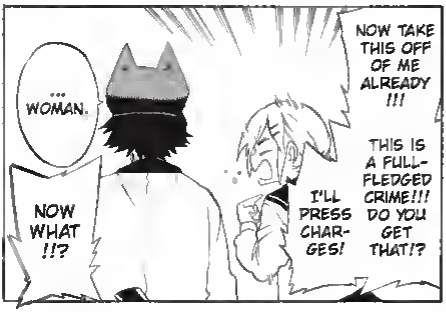

WH-
WH-WH-WH-WHAT'S THIS!!?
I PUT A CURSE MARK ON YOU. BE OBEDIENT ...
...OR I WILL KILL YOU.
WHUNG
TWIST
BADUM


WE LEAVE NOW.
WHICH WAY IS THEBES?
RUSTLE
SWUSH

WORLD HERITAGE
EGYPT
"TO A MYSTICAL WORLD"
CAIRO/LUXOR

... WHAT ...
... EVEN ...?

CHATTER
CHATTER
.....
CHATTER
CHATTER


... WOMAN.
NOW WHAT !!?
I'LL PRESS CHARGES!
NOW TAKE THIS OFF OF ME ALREADY !!!
THIS IS A FULL-FLEDGED CRIME!!! DO YOU GET THAT!?

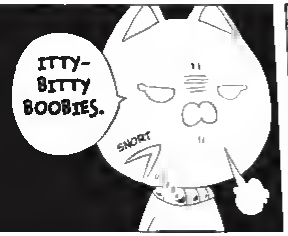
THE PLACE YOU WANT TO GO HOME TO DOES NOT. EXIST!!
SEE!! DO YOU GET IT!?

IT SEEMS I CANNOT READ. I CANNOT HELP IT.
BUT YOU'RE SPEAKING JAPANESE RIGHT NOW!!!
FLY COMFORTABLY
PACKAGE PLANS
NOT MY PROBLEM!

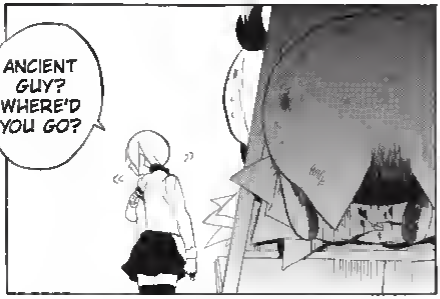
WHAT !!?
I CAN-NOT READ THIS.
?

BOY, DO I WANT TO BLOW UP.
WHY DO I HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS FREA...
YOU DON'T GOTTA BLOW UP LIKE THAT, DO YA?

I AM ANUBIS, IM'S SERVANT !!
THAT'S MY SPELL!! IF YOU'RE MEAN TO IM, I'LL TURN YOU INTO A MUMMY! 'KAY, NEE-CHAN?
SHOOP
EEEEEK !!!?


ITTY-BITTY BOOBIES.
SNORT

WHAT'S GOING ON!? VENTRI-LOQUY!? A MAGIC TRICK!?
TEP
TEP
TEP
TEP
HEY! ST-STAY BACK !!!!
CLATTER
CLATTER

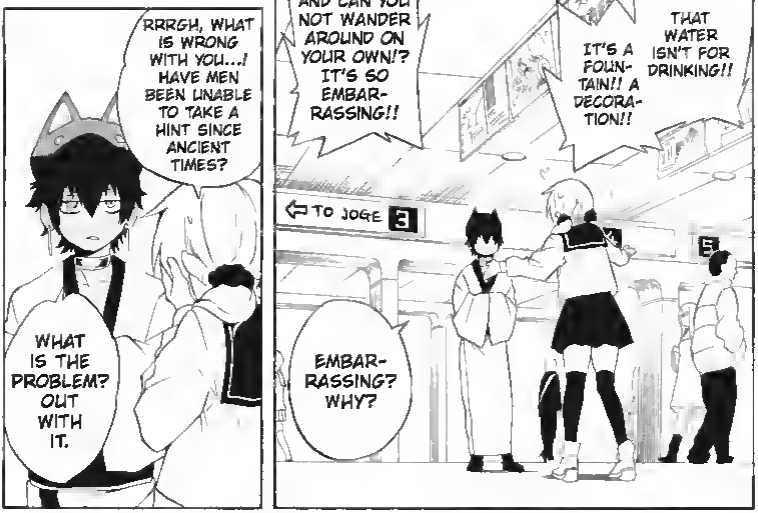

ANCIENT GUY? WHERE'D YOU GO?

FSHH
SSSHH
SPLOSH
SPLOSH
SPLOSH

WHISPER
WOMAN! WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS WATER?
WHISPER
WHAT A WEIRD MAN
SNAP
WHISPER
WHAT IN THE WORLD?
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER

I WAS COOLING MY HEAD.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!!?
YOU MADE MY BLOOD RUN COLD!
GULP

GRAB
DISGUSTING A PERSON CANNOT DRINK THIS!!
WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT THINKING, HAVING THIS FILTHY WATER IN A PUBLIC SPACE?


RRRGH, WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU...! HAVE MEN BEEN UNABLE TO TAKE A HINT SINCE ANCIENT TIMES?
WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? OUT WITH IT.
AND CAN YOU NOT WANDER AROUND ON YOUR OWN!? IT'S SO EMBARRASSING!!
THAT WATER ISN'T FOR DRINKING!!
IT'S A FOUNTAIN!! A DECORATION!!
TO JOGE 3
EMBARRASSING? WHY?

LOOK, WE ARE ACTING LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS HERE, SO IF YOU'RE MY FRIEND, TRY AND UNDERSTAND MY POSITION, OKAY?
PEOPLE WILL THINK I'M A FREAK TOO!!
...TO BE STUCK WITH ANYONE FROM A DIFFERENT WORLD, LIKE YOU!!
...
I DON'T WANT.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND, MY FRIEND.

PLOD
とぼ
PLOD
とぼ.
HUH? WAIT ...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK SO DOWN.!!
...I UNDERSTAND.
SLAM
ALL IS WELL, IMHOTEP-SAMA! STAY WITH US UNTIL YOU FIND WHAT YOU NEED, I INSIST!!!
I'LL CALL THE POLICE, I MEAN IT!!!
WE'D BE OVERJOYED TO HAVE YOU!!
IN THE END, WE COULD NOT FIND A PLACE TO RETURN TO OR A WAY TO SEAL ME...
CLATTER
WHY WOULD AN EVIL SORCERER ASK TO BE SEALED AWAY!?
AND WHILE I'M AT IT, ISN'T IT WEIRD!?
YOU DON'T WANT TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED?
I'M NOT ABOUT TO FEEL BAD FOR A GUY WHO CURSES PEOPLE!
HONESTLY!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME... ARE BAD GUYS THAT SIMPLE...?
HE'S STILL SULKING...
BUT THE PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO CURSE NO LONGER EXISTS...

GET OUUUT !!!!
TOMORROW, I SHALL SEARCH FOR THE CAUSE OF MY REVIVAL AT THE RIVERSIDE.
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU, SIR!!
I WANNA GO TOO!

CAN THEY UNDO CURSES? (THOUGHTS IN CHAOS)
KCHAK
ANCIENT GUY THINKS HE CAN DO WHATEVER HE WANTS ...
THAT'S IT. AFTER SCHOOL, I'M GOING TO THE POLICE.

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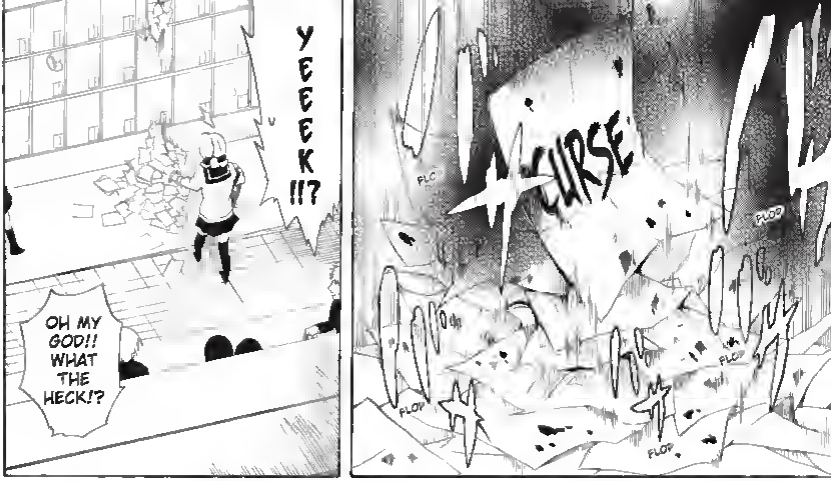
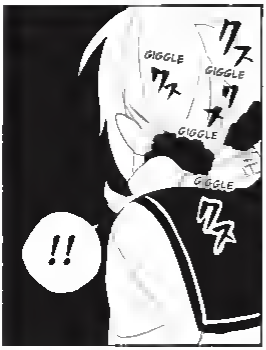
THIS IS TOO EXHAUSTING...


YEEEK!!?
OH MY GOD!! WHAT THE HECK!?
CURSE
FLOP
FLOP
FLOP
FLOP

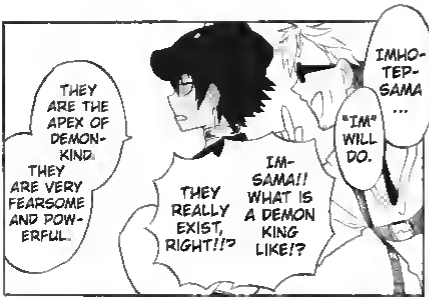

GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
!!

JUST KILL ME NOW...
WHAT'S THIS? PAINT...?
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF CURSES ...
TSK. WHO PULLED THIS BAD PRANK?

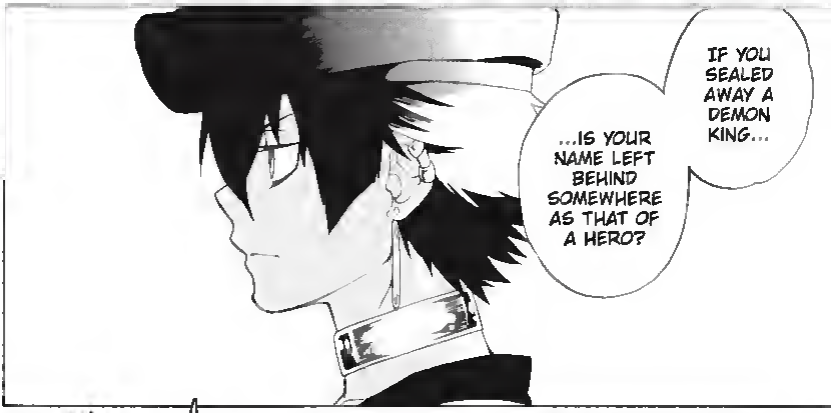
DUDE, DO YOU THINK WE LL CATCH HER CURSE TOO?
HUH!? YOU'RE GIVING ME GOOSE BUMPS!
DON'T SAY TOO MUCH.
LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER. THEY'RE BOTH FREAKS.
CURSES, SHE SAID.
SO SHE DOES BELIEVE IN THEM!

SIGN: SUPER MARKET

BARELY A DAY AND YOU'VE ALREADY MASTERED THE RULES OF MODERN SOCIETY!! AH, THERE'S THE SCHOOL!
WELL DONE, IMHOTEP-SAMA!!!
"RAISE YOUR HAND WHEN YOU CROSS THE STREET!!"
YOU'RE SO AMAZING, IM!!


IMHOTEP-SAMA...
"IM" WILL DO.
IM-SAMA!! WHAT IS A DEMON KING LIKE!?
THEY REALLY EXIST, RIGHT!!?
THEY ARE THE APEX OF DEMON-KIND. THEY ARE VERY FEARSOME AND POW-ERFUL.

THAT'S THE HIGH SCHOOL EMI GOES TO! SHE'S STUDYING THERE!
HMPH...
SO PRET-TY!

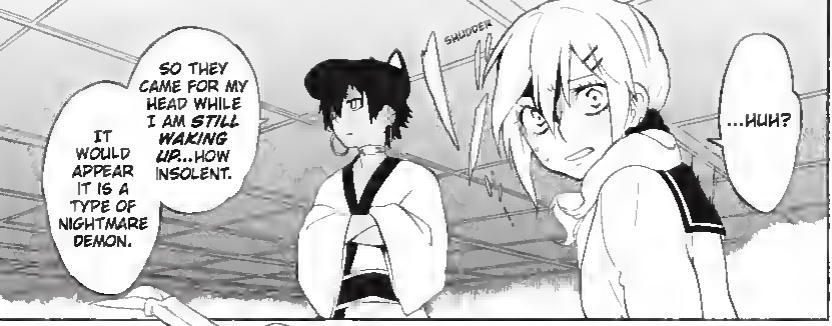

IF YOU SEALED AWAY A DEMON KING...
...IS YOUR NAME LEFT BEHIND SOMEWHERE AS THAT OF A HERO?

SHIVER

I AM NOT SO IN-CREDI-BLE.

SO THEY HAVE ALREADY COME OUT TO PLAY, HAVE THEY?
IM-SAMA?
?
OH, OH, EMI! ISN'T THIS SUPER CUTE?
OH YEAH? WHICH ONE?
OH MY GOD, NO WAY! THIS ONE'S WAY CUTER.
WHAAAT? ISN'T THIS ONE PRETTY NICE?
NICE FRIENDS...
EMI, YOU FORGOT YOUR LUNCH!
CLACK
EMI, YOU HAVE SUCH GOOD TASTE
CLACK
...AND A COOL DAD.
AWW! THANKS...
...DA...
MY LIFE IS SO HAPPY IT'S EMBAR-RASSING! ♡

"FUG-EDD-ABOU-DIT!!!"
SMACK!
NEE-CHAN, YOU WERE CURSED!
WHAT!!!?
DON'T GO PICKING UP DUMB THINGS!!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
OWWW! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!?
I TRIED THE "SLAP-STICK" WE SAW ON THE TV.
.....
HUSSSHH
I DON'T BELIEVE IN CURSES...
FWIP
GIVE IT A REST!!!

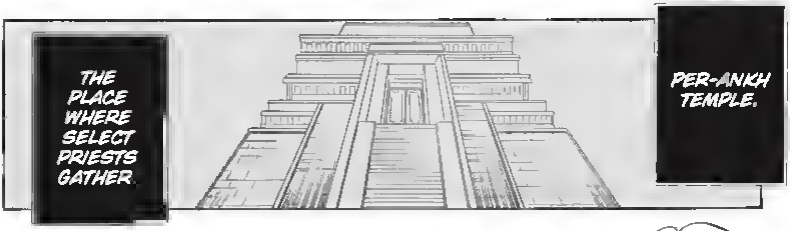

SHUDDER
...HUH?
SO THEY CAME FOR MY HEAD WHILE I AM STILL WAKING UP...HOW INSOLENT.
IT WOULD APPEAR IT IS A TYPE OF NIGHTMARE DEMON.

THESE DEMONS GIVE HUMANS DREAMS OF THEIR IDEAL REALITY.
WHILE THE HUMAN IS CAPTIVATED BY A PLEASANT FANTASY, THEY SUCK OUT THEIR LIFE FORCE LITTLE BY LITTLE...
SEE FOR YOURSELF.
HUH?
THEY EXPLOIT THEIR PREY'S REJECTION OF THEIR TRUE LIVES.

IF YOU ARE CARELESS AND IT LAYS HOLD ON YOU AGAIN, YOU WILL DIE, GIRL.
EEEEK! WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY ARM!?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO!!? TELL ME!!!
CLATTER

?!!!
BLORB
BLORB

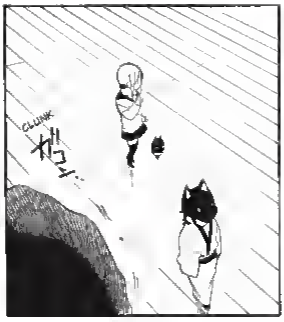
.....
WHERE IS YOUR "PLEASE"?
THIP
BEFORE I AM A VILLAIN ...
PING
LOOKIN SHARP
...I AM A PRIEST, YOU KNOW.
WHO DO YOU THINK IM IS?
HE'S ONLY TEASING, SILLY.
EXCUSE ME!!?
WHAT !!?
SNORT!


THE PLACE WHERE SELECT PRIESTS GATHER.
PER-ANKH TEMPLE.

AND IM IS THE MOST AMAZING OF THEM ALL.
THEY'RE AAALL ANTI-CURSE SPECIALISTS!

BAM
"HEM-NETJER"... THE SERVANT OF GOD!

!!
IM !!!


CLUNK
ガコン...

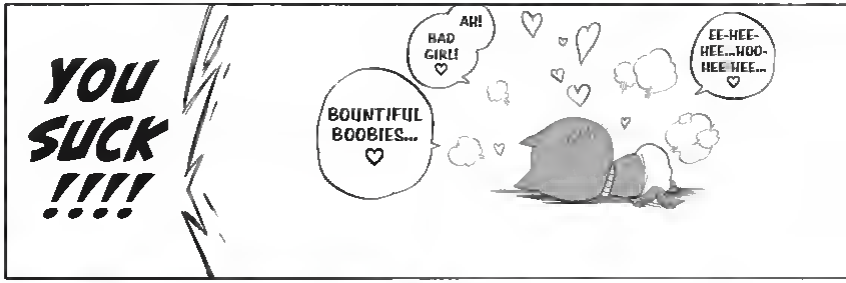
IS EVERYONE IN SCHOOL CURSED!?
YOUR FACE LOOKED LIKE THAT TOO, NEE-CHAN!
SNIRK!
OH, SHUT UP!!

!!
WHOOSH

EEK!
YANK
SWOOSH
DUCK
KEE KEE KEE!
FLAP
STAY ALERT !!!
GLINT
DO NOT BE FOOLED BY ITS FANTA-SIES !!!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
HEH!
CAN YOU HAN-DLE IT?
I'LL WIPE THE FLOOR WITH THAT LITTLE BIRDIE!!
SWISH
GROSS!
"EMPUSA," THE GREEK SUCCUBUS, EH?

BOING
MWAH!♡
HUBBA HUBBA
DON'T FALL FOR IT RIGHT FROM THE START!!!
SPRING
WHEEE! BOOBIES! ♡
!!!
IM...
IM...
SNIFF
A SORRY DIS-PLAY...
SHWOO
SHWOO

OH, EMI-CHAAAN! ♡
THUD
YEEEK!
BLORB
BLORB
BLORB
BLORB
BLORB
NOOO! IF I LOOK, I'LL DIE!! IF I LOOK, I'LL DIE!!
AREN'T YOU TWO SUPPOSED TO BE PROS!? DO SOME-THING!!!


YOU SUCK !!!!
AH! BAD GIRL! ♡
BOUNTIFUL BOOBIES... ♡
EE-HEE-HEE...WOO-HEE HEE... ♡

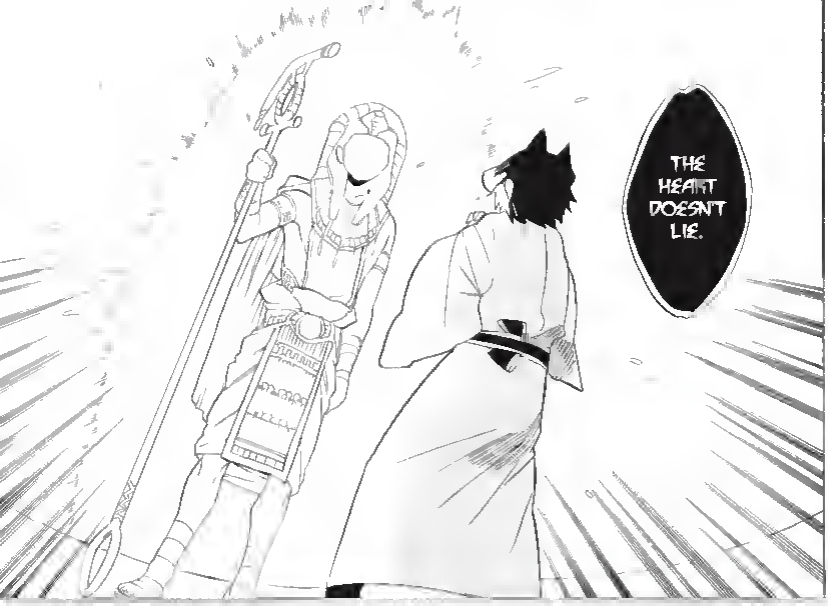
IMHO-TEP!!
HURRY UP AND SAVE US!!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE BEWITCHED BY A FANTASY TOO?
MY, OH MY. SOMETHING WRONG, IM-HOTEP?
LIKE HATRED FOR YOUR BEST FRIEND!!
GOOGH!
BUT YOU DO HAVE A WEAKNESS, DON'T YOU?
YOU AREN'T THE ONE WHO SUMMONED OUR DEMON KING.
LIAR, LIAAAR! I KNOW AAALL ABOUT IT~!
IT WAS YOUR PHARAOH !!!
I HAVE NO SUCH GRUDGE ...
IM!? WHAT'S GOING ON!?
SHAKE
SHAKE

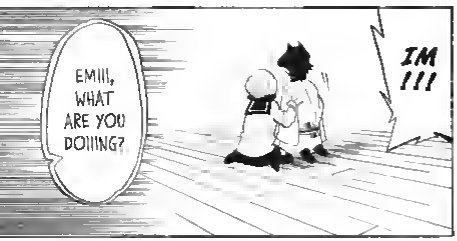
IM...
IMHOTEP ...
HELP ME...!
THE FLEDGLING PHARAOH WAS JEALOUS OF HIS BEST FRIEND, WHO WAS GETTING ALL THE RESPECT.
"THE DECORATIVE PHARAOH," AGAIN AND AGAIN THEY CALLED HIM THAT, UNTIL FINALLY HE SNAPPED AND SUMMONED THE DEMON KING.
BUT IT BROUGHT DESTRUCTION ON THE KINGDOM.
AFTER HE RETURNED TO HIS SENSES, THE KING WEPT AND WAILED.
"I CANNOT LEAVE MY NAME BEHIND AS THAT OF THE PHARAOH WHO CURSED HIS OWN KINGDOM."
HE BEGGED TO HIS FRIEND THUS...

THE PEOPLE SANG THE PRAISES OF THE PHARAOH WHO LED THEM TO HOPE.
THE KINGDOM RECOVERED.
AND A SINGLE PRIEST WAS SEALED AWAY INTO DARKNESS.
TAKE THE FALL FOR ME.
THE EVIL GREAT PRIEST IMHOTEP.
HE WOULD BE KNOWN AS THE GREAT HERETIC WHO SUMMONED THE DEMON KING AND SLAUGHTERED MANY INNOCENTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER THE KINGDOM...
SO HE SAID.

NO !!!
IT WAS ALL PART OF THE PHARAOH'S PLAN.
HE WAS PHARAOH. HE HAD A DUTY TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE.
THAT WAS HIS ATONE-MENT...!!
AS ONE WHO SERVES THE PHARAOH ...
AS HIS FRIEND!!
I AGREED TO DO IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL!!
I DO NOT HATE HIM!!
SHP
SHP
THEN WHAT IS HE DOING THERE?


THE HEART DOESN'T LIE.

IM!!
IM!! LISTEN !!
SHAKE
IM-HO-TEP !!
COME ON!! PULL YOUR-SELF TOGE-THER !!


IM !!!
EMIII, WHAT ARE YOU DOIIING?

PHA-RAOH ...
SHUDDER

YOU'D LIKE THAT BETTER, RIGHT, EMI?
COME HANG OUT WITH US!
GEEZ, GET AWAY FROM THAT WEIRDO!
SSHH
LOOK THIS WAY, EMI!!
COME ON! WE'RE ALL FRIENDS!!
!!?
PASH
PASH
PASH
SHUT. UP!
GLARE

YOU'RE JUST A SCAREDY-CAT LIKE ME.
KRRK
YOU'RE A COWARD, SAME AS ME, AREN'T YOU?
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS, THAT I CAN'T MAKE FRIENDS!?
PLEASE.
...TO YOU LIKE THIS.
THAT THING WON'T LOSE ...
WAKE UP...
...IM.
SQUEEZE

I SAID WAKE UP !!!!
!!?
KNOCK
SMACK
YOU WOKE UP!!
?
AAARRRGH!
ALL RIGHT! HE'S UP!!
—! "HE'S UP!" WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE...
WHY DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND WHY THE SEAL ON YOU LIFTED!!?
STAND UP, NOW! DON'T YOU DARE FALL ASLEEP, BLOCKHEAD!!!
HOW LONG WERE YOU GOING TO GO ON ABOUT ANCIENT HISTORY!? MAN UP!!!
BZZT

IN THE FUTURE !!!
IT'S BECAUSE THE PHARAOH WANTED YOU TO LIVE!!!
YOU LITTLE WENCH!!
BWOOO
THANK YOU.
SNAP
EMI.
WHOOM
GYAH!!

HALF-MOON SEAL.
SWISH
MY EYES ARE OPEN NOW.

ZWAM
ANSWER THE VOICE OF MY BA, MY SOUL, AND COME 'ROUND.

O KA OF THE MOON THAT REMAINS IN THE SKY.
THOU WHO SHINES ON THE EARTH...
...FOR FIVE DAYS AS ITS SUN.

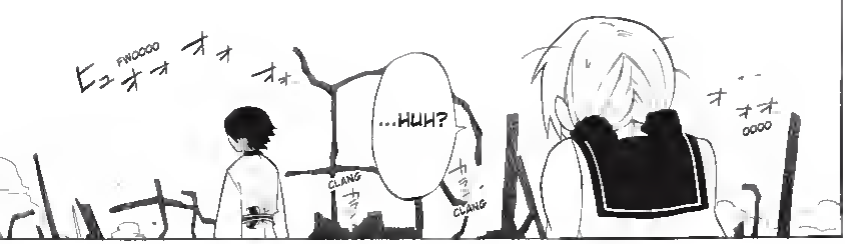
!!
IT'S GETTING DARK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?
THE SKY...
WHERE DID THE SUN GO?

FLAP
TIME TO SCRAM!
I CAN'T DEFEAT IMHOTEP IN A FAIR FIGHT!!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

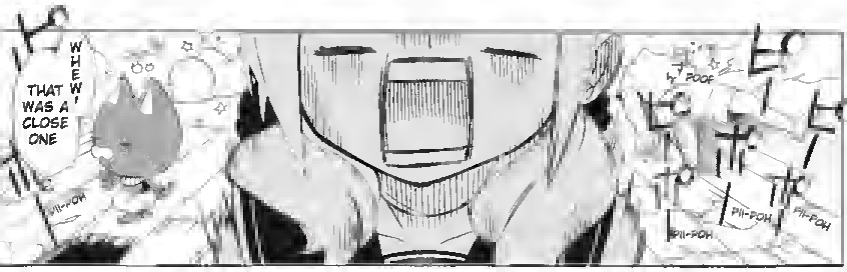
SHIIING
THE MOON GOD'S SACRED SPIRIT... DJEHUTY AKH!
GLOP
!!?
WH... !!?
HOW!!? WHY ARE YOU THERE!!?

GREAT DEMON KING !!!?

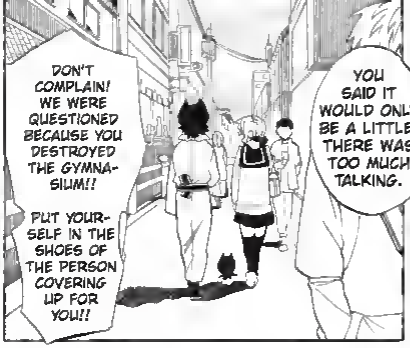
POOF
ぽひっ
HUH?
AAAAUGH!
IM, YOU DUM-MYYY!!!!
SNAP
ぱちっ
MRF?
TWINKLE
BOOM


FWOOOO
...HUH?
CLANG
CLANG
OOOO

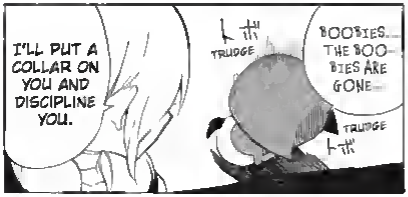
I OVERDID IT.
APOLO-GIES.

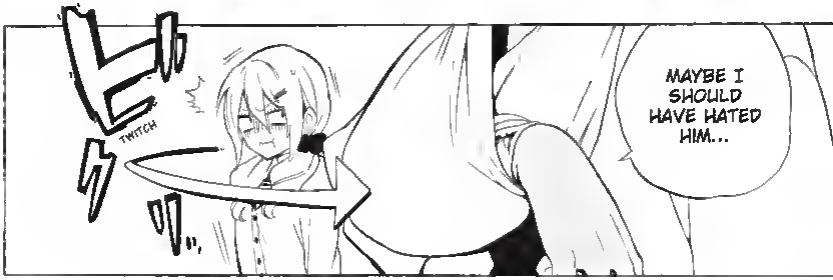

WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE
PII-POH
POOF
PII-POH
PII-POH
PII-POH

YOU BLEW AWAY MORE THAN JUST YOUR WORRIES, YOU IIIIIDIOT!!!!
ファン WEEOO
PII-POH


DON'T COMPLAIN! WE WERE QUESTIONED BECAUSE YOU DESTROYED THE GYMNASIUM!!
PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF THE PERSON COVERING UP FOR YOU!!
YOU SAID IT WOULD ONLY BE A LITTLE THERE WAS TOO MUCH TALKING.

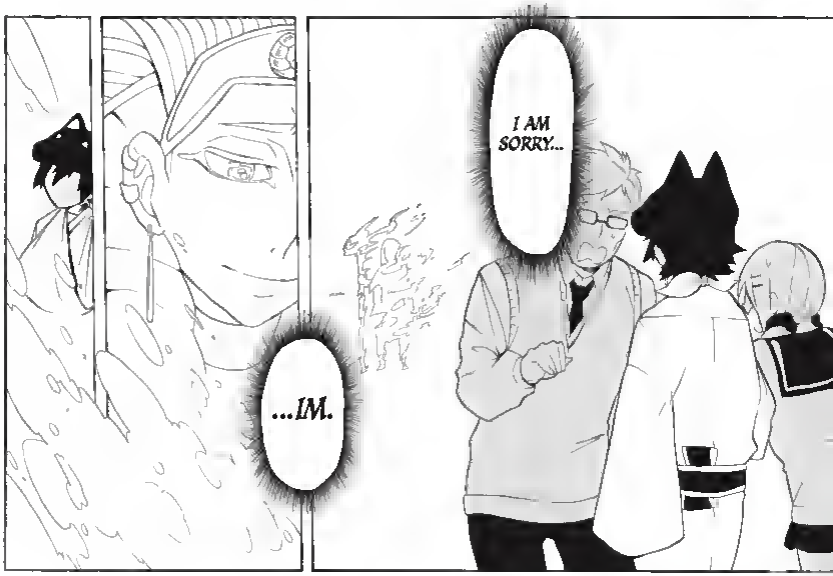
SLEEPY.


I'LL PUT A COLLAR ON YOU AND DISCIPLINE YOU.
TRUDGE
BOOBIES... THE BOOBIES ARE GONE...
TRUDGE


TWITCH
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE HATED HIM...

SKFP
I HAVE NOTHING.
MY COUNTRY IS GONE...
PERANKH IS GONE...

!!!
HEEEEY!
HEEEEY!
WAIT! HE'S HURT!!!
ERR... THIS WAS...
EMI!!? YOUR SCHOOL'S GYM WAS...
WHERE WERE YOU, IM-SAMA !!!?
YOU GAVE ME ONLY AN IRRESPONSIBLE FUTURE.
あセ PANIC
BE QUIET AND DO AS DADDY SAYS!!!
HOW COULD I NOT BE WORRIED!?
W-W-WE HAVE TO HURRY TO THE HOSPITAL!!!
YOU NEED NOT WORRY SO MUCH.
IT IS FINE.



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FOR THREE THOUSAND YEARS...
ARE YOU REALLY GOING BACK TO EGYPT?
...IM ...
...I WAITED FOR YOU !!!
IT'S ENOUGH.
Im
Great Priest Imhotep
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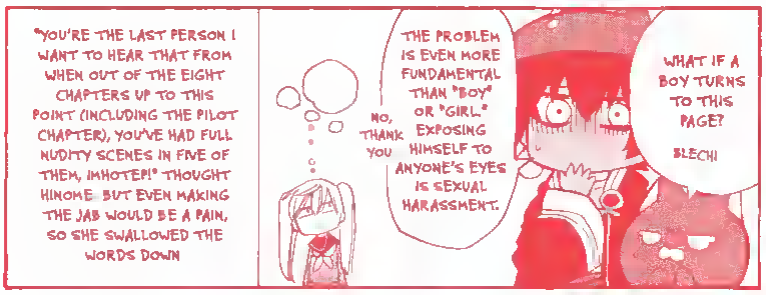
TRANSLATION NOTES

Page 28
Youma: one of the Japanese words for "monster".

Page 151
In contrast with Emi's cursed life, her name is written with the characters "blessed" and "happiness." Her parents must have given her the name hoping she'd live happily.

The **Tsuchinoko** is a snake-like creature in Japanese folklore whose existence is questioned, à la Bigfoot.

A BONUS FOR NO ONE


"YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON I WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM WHEN OUT OF THE EIGHT CHAPTERS UP TO THIS POINT (INCLUDING THE PILOT CHAPTER), YOU'VE HAD FULL NUDITY SCENES IN FIVE OF THEM, IMHOTEP!" THOUGHT HINOMI. BUT EVEN MAKING THE JAB WOULD BE A PAIN, SO SHE SWALLOWED THE WORDS DOWN
NO, THANK YOU
THE PROBLEM IS EVEN MORE FUNDAMENTAL THAN "BOY" OR "GIRL." EXPOSING HIMSELF TO ANYONE'S EYES IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
WHAT IF A BOY TURNS TO THIS PAGE?
BLECH!

CHAPTER 1, CHAPTER 2, CHAPTER 5, CHAPTER 7, AND THE PILOT CHAPTER MAKES FIVE TIMES IN ALL.

SUDDENLY, TWO HEROES ARRIVED FROM THE FUTURE...

THUS, THE WORLD WAS SAVED. IM: THE END!!! (KIDDING)

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